



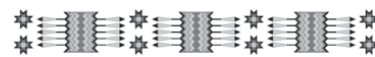
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Hughes Crossing monument dedicated on Blue River



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel join state officials and others at the dedication of historic Hughes Crossing on the Blue River near Tishomingo. From left are Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation official Paul Mauck; Gov. Anoatubby; Hughes descendant Jimmie Sweat; Wildlife Conservation official Richard Hatcher; Johnston County Commissioner Bill Phelps; State Rep. Paul Roan; and Lt. Gov. Keel. The monument commemorates the contributions of the Cravatt and Hughes families in the area.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - A monument commemorating the site of Hughes Crossing on Blue River was dedicated March 17 in the Blue River Hunting and Fishing Area north of Tishomingo.

Blue River is located four miles east of Tishomingo in Johnston County.

The "Hughes Crossing" designation pays tribute to the family of Mamie Cravatt and Austin Britte Hughes, who received eight allotments on Blue River, one with a natural river crossing used by early pioneers.

Recognizing the potential of the property, the Hughes family established a hunting and fishing camp on the east bank of the river crossing. The family charged 50 cents a day or one dollar a car carrying four passengers for four days of recreation and relaxation.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said he was pleased to see the crossing marked for posterity.

"This is a fitting tribute to a family which has had a powerful and positive impact on this area for generations," said Gov.

Anoatubby. "As we celebrate the history of this family, we can also look forward with great anticipation to the positive influence their descendants will have on this area."

Charles W. Blackwell, Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States, was there for the dedication.

"As much as anything it was a commemoration to the strength of Chickasaw women," said Ambassador Blackwell. "My great-grandmother, Mamie Cravatt raised 10 kids on that river on that spot. My grandmother Vivian Hughes McGillvery was the oldest of her generation and she had my mother right there in my great-grandmother's cabin on the river. Some of my earliest memories were traveling down there in a wagon."

Ambassador Blackwell, who took his grandchildren to the dedication, said it was a "blessing" the land was put into the state reserve.

"They can take their grandkids

there and hopefully they will remember the day they were there with their grandfather," he said. "I think that's part of what being Chickasaw is all about. It's about building bridges to the past. It was good."

Dedication of the monument is the culmination of work started almost 40 years earlier by Van Noy Hughes, who first began trying to get the area named for her family.

Oklahoma District 20 Representative Paul Roan (D-Tishomingo) was instrumental in the April 2004 passage of an Oklahoma Wildlife Commission resolution officially designating the area Hughes Crossing.

Dedication of the granite monument on the site was the culmination of that resolution.

"If we don't do something to protect our history, we'll lose it," said Rep. Roan. "I've lived there

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Neasbitt, Hartman compete in Pickens District run-off election



Randy Neasbitt

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder announced March 14 that Randy Neasbitt, Ardmore, will face Overbrook resident Donna Hartman in an April 11 run-off election for Pickens District, Seat 2 on the Chickasaw Legislature.

In the primary election, Hartman received 542 votes, or 24.4 percent, while Neasbitt received 435 votes, or 19.59 percent.

Ten candidates filed in the



Donna Hartman

special election for the seat. The seat was left open following the death in December of legislator Mitch Sperry of Ardmore.

Linda Blackwood Harris, Elmore City, received 268 votes; Ray McCarter, Marlow, received 250 votes; Jessie M. Lynch, Duncan, received 237 votes; Tommy Farve, Lone Grove, received 191 votes, Teresa Bolin, Ardmore, received 100 votes; Sherri K. Sanders, Pauls Val-

ley, received 96 votes; Patrick L. James, Ardmore, received 60 votes; and Stephen G. Wall, Ardmore, received 42 votes.

Ballots for the run-off election were mailed to each qualified voter in the Pickens District on March 20, 2006. Ballots must be returned by mail no later than 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. Ballots will be counted on the same day.

The winner of the run-off election will be announced on the same day.

The winning candidate will be sworn into office at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 in the conference room of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters. The public is invited.

For more information contact Mrs. Loder Election Secretary at (580) 310-6475 or toll free 1-888-661-0137.

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 17, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore

Chairperson Scott Colbert appointed Dr. Goforth Parker as Secretary Pro Tempore for the session in the absence of Ms. Briggs.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Member absent: Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Sharon Nelson, Traile G. Glory, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Dereck Frazier, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 20, 2006

Chairperson Scott Colbert announced the minutes would be addressed later in the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Mr. Woods announced the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc will hold the annual stake holders meeting March 8, 6:00 p.m., at the Elks Lodge in Ada.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Linda Briggs

Dr. Goforth Parker gave the Finance Report.

General Resolution Number 23-035, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$1,391,468 for the construction of the Enos Community Center and \$1,351,047 for the construction of the Duncan Senior Nutrition Site.

Enos Community Center: There is no suitable building in the area for this need. A new building will enable the citizens in the area to hold meetings and events, gather for social and educational purposes, and enhance their overall quality of life.

Duncan Senior Nutrition Site: There is a need for a facility to serve citizens in the Duncan and Marlow Area. Presently services are being provided in this region on an intermittent and temporary basis. The partial services that are now being provided are limited to occasional use of a local business facility. Even these partial services are being utilized by 30-50 people, so the need for full time facilities does exist. No building in our existing inventory would be suitable for this need.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-035. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mr. Seawright stated these facilities are very much needed in these communities and he was in support of the resolution. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott reiterated Mr. Seawright's comments and a roll call was taken.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-035 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 23-036, Authorization for ANA Grant Application Chickasaw Language Planning Grant

This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to submit a grant to ANA to plan, design, and implement a master apprentice Chickasaw language program with the intent of increasing the number of fluent Chickasaw language speakers.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR23-036. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-036 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-037, Authorization of the Wildland Fire Management Plan and Wildland Fire Prevention Plan

This resolution approves the Wildland Fire Management Plan and Wildland Fire Prevention Plan covering restricted and trust properties within the Chickasaw Nation. The Fire Management Plan provides protection of life and resources, and the Wildland Fire Prevention Plan analyzes fire occurrences.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-037. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-037 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-038, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Marshall County, Oklahoma, containing 10.03 acres. The North 30 feet and the South 25 feet are reserved for a road and utility easement together with all improvements. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-038. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-038 carried unanimously.

General Resolution 23-039, Affirming General Resolution (Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County)

This resolution affirms General Resolution 23-023, approved on December 16, 2005, for the purpose of specifically identifying the complete legal description.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-039. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-039 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-040, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, for surface rights only. The Gov-

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Chickasaw history a story of service to our people

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor

Chickasaw Nation

With the advent of the United States, the new country was careful to recognize the long-standing tribal governments. Tribal governments, including the Chickasaw Nation, had been in existence for many generations before the U.S. was formed.

Tribal governments had functioned, and continued to function, as entities dedicated to providing for the needs of their people. The U.S. respected that history of self-government.

Any government is, by definition, in existence to make decisions in the best interests of the people it serves. There is no other reason for government.

In this country today, there are 562 federally-recognized Indian tribes. Of that total, 224, or about 40%, are engaged in

gaming enterprises. The net revenues, or profits, which are derived from gaming operations are required to be invested in providing quality government operations and programs for the people of the tribe.

The language of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 makes clear how gaming proceeds must be utilized. The Act states these proceeds must be used to fund tribal government operations and programs; provide for the general welfare of the Indian tribe and its members; promote tribal economic development; donate to charitable organizations; help fund operations of local government agencies as required.

It is clear the Chickasaw Nation is devoted to fulfilling the requirements of the Act.

Your tribal government dedicates millions of dollars each year to the essential programs



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Chickasaws count on. And, with our homegrown success in business, we have been able to expand and create new programs that positively impact the lives of Chickasaws, wherever they live.

I am extremely proud of our Chickasaw people who are working so hard for our tribe in all our business facilities, including our entertainment venues. You may not realize it, but the Chickasaw Nation is one of the

few Indian governments which operates its commercial entities with its own people, not outside management companies.

And, I can tell you, our people are the very best.

Our people's success in business has allowed your government to greatly enhance housing opportunities, scholarship offerings and textbook assistance. We have expanded the Chickasaw-specific medical programs and have committed to construction of a new, state-of-the-art medical facility. Youth and family services, as well as programs for our elders, now have much greater scope – and greater positive impact on the lives of more Chickasaw people.

We are also rapidly developing a new menu of important programs and services for Chickasaw citizens who live outside our tribal boundaries.

Investing in the lives and

futures of Chickasaw people – that is the role of your tribal government. And now, with the wonderful expansion and achievement of our tribal businesses, we can do so much more for Chickasaws.

We remember and we honor our people who came before us. They overcame so many challenges in the homelands, during the terrible time of Removal, and in this land we now call home. We also recall that our tribe was known for its ferocity in battle, as well as its compassion for its own people.

As the Chickasaw Nation grows, so it shall encounter new challenges along the path. But it shall always be faithful to those ancient commitments of courage and dedication.

For Chickasaws, the best path is the one on which all Chickasaws have opportunity – and none are ever forgotten.

Lighthorse Police, local law agencies agree to layer jurisdictions



Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal, left, and Pontotoc (OK) County Sheriff Pete Peterson shake hands after each department commissioned the officers of the other.

Special law enforcement commissions were recently signed by the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police (LPD), the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Department, the 22nd District Attorney's Office and the Roff, Allen and Stonewall Police Departments.

These commissions will grant LPD officers the same law enforcement authority as those in the other departments. Officers in the other departments will also gain the same authority as LPD officers to act on Indian land.

Commissions were issued under a uniform cross deputation agreement designed to facilitate closer cooperation among all law enforcement agencies in Oklahoma.

The intent of the agreement is to provide a framework which could enable all law enforcement officers in the state to make lawful arrests in and outside Indian country within the state of Oklahoma.

"Once an LPD officer has received a commission under this agreement he has the author-

ity to react immediately to any violation in that agency's jurisdiction," said LPD Chief Jason O'Neal. "Similarly, commissioned officers in other departments will also have authority to act on Chickasaw land."

Pontotoc County Sheriff Pete Peterson said he has learned from experience how important it is for law enforcement agencies to work together.

"Law enforcement people have a tendency sometimes to work more against each other than we do with each other," said Sheriff Peterson. "I base that on 36 years of experience, not only in this state, but in other states.

"As sheriff, I felt it would be my duty to help make sure that all law enforcement in this county works as one regardless of who you work for - the tribe, the city, the county the state, whoever, because our job is the same."

Drafted in 2005, the deputation agreement has been signed by Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, BIA Special Agent C. Leon Glenn, Oklahoma Secretary of State M. Susan Savage, and John Trebillock, chairman of the Oklahoma Joint Committee on State-Tribal relations.

While the agreement applies to all law enforcement agencies in the state, the special law enforcement commissions must be issued before law enforcement officers are authorized to take action in the jurisdiction of another agency.

"We are working with agencies in each of the 13 counties to help them understand the benefits and opportunities of cross deputation and the special law enforcement commissions," said Chief O'Neal. "Many of those we have talked with have been very receptive to the idea, and we hope to exchange commissions with many of them in

the near future."

Sheriff Peterson is a strong advocate of the cross deputation and cross commission process.

"There is strength in numbers," said Sheriff Peterson. "That's so important. We have enough officers here that if something bad goes down, we can take care of it as long as we know that we can rely on each other for help.

"This is one way I feel I can serve the people better, by having a better working relationship with the tribe and their law enforcement people."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

CARE class set for April in Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services is offering "Children – A Rewarding Experience" (CARE) Parenting Class for Ardmore area residents.

CARE Parenting Class consists of eight two-hour sessions focusing on building parenting skills. Videos and education materials will be used and a pre- and post-test will be given to each participant. Upon successful completion of the class, a certificate will be presented to each participant.

Tentative dates have been set for Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning April 26. Classes will be conducted at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Site located on Carter Seminary campus at 949 Locust NW in Ardmore. Participants will receive a letter by mail confirming the final date, time and location of the classes.

To register, or to find out more information, contact Cynthia Mercer at (580) 272-5550 ext. 60419.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

New hospital construction plans being considered



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Spring is here and we are thankful for the rain that God blessed us with. Our weather has been good here through the last days of winter.

We are happy to announce the arrival of a new children's doctor at Carl Albert Hospital, Dr. Stephen O'Grady. The oversight committee for our new hospital have reported that they interviewed 3 architectural firms and hired one to design the new hospital. Next will be interviews

for a facilitation manager. Administrator Bill Lance reported that the new prescription refill center should be open by January, 2007.

There is a plan under way to help with children needing orthodontia. Each family that has such a need should seek advice and bring a plan for their child's needs signed by their family dentist to be examined by our dentists. If the plan is approved, the family may receive up to a maximum amount of \$2,500 per year for the child's orthodontia. The family will have to pay its family dentist. We appreciate

this new program as this work may be quite expensive.

Administrator Bill Lance reported the following statistics: In the month of February, 2006, there were 227 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,761. February Emergency Room visits were 974. February saw 231 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,644 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,425 patients in February. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,221 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,949.

The Durant Clinic saw 2,596 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,513.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Services to Chickasaws in outlying areas studied



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

its concept and I am not positive but feel very strongly that we are probably the only tribe in the United States to undertake such a mammoth position of care giving. We are all excited about the potential.

Designs are being considered for the new hospital and it will truly be a state of the art facility. One of which every Chickasaw, even every Native American, should be proud. We are blessed.

Recent weeks have been very "young Chickasaw" oriented with all the Junior Livestock shows in the area, which we attend and participate in financially, and last week the Robotics Camp which is correlated with the CNASA camp was held. The CNASA camp will be in the summer time (the Robotics was during Spring Break) and the Robotics is part of that entire project. This summer a representative from NASA will speak to the youth and our own Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington will be in attendance with his personal plane and will take flying the attendees to the camp who wish to fly with him. What a great and wonderful adventure! Our Education Department is truly to be commended for all its hard work for the benefit of our students and for their efforts to introduce our young people to the world of opportunities that are available to them through education.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is our explorations for ways to enhance the later years in the lives of our elders. Much has been done in this area and much more is being discussed and studied. And speaking of

"elders" I recently enjoyed a delightful conversation with one of our own who sounded about thirty on the phone but told me she going to be 95 this month (March)! A grand Happy Birthday to Faye Glenn

in Oklahoma City who is a very charming lady. And wishes for Many More!

All of you take care of yourselves and enjoy each day in its time. God bless each of you.

Linda Briggs

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

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Mexico conference underscores need for diabetes prevention



Buford Roland, Chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee.

Greetings. My goal this month is to report to you from the meeting I was allowed to attend in Mexico: Experiences and Challenges in the Prevention and Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes among Indigenous Popula-

tions in the United States and Mexico, held in Cuernavaca, Mexico. I was invited to attend this meeting by the Department of Health and Human Services. The meeting was a part of a security partnership between the

United States to "improve the health of our indigenous people through targeted bilateral and/or trilateral activities, including in health promotion, health education, and disease prevention and research."

Consistent with the agenda, the Security and Prosperity Partnership among the three countries seeks to promote dialogue on the causes of Type 2 diabetes. Our groups consisted of 15 representatives from the United States and 15 from Mexico.

I was offered the privilege of sharing with the group what the Chickasaw Nation is doing concerning the prevention and treatment of Type 2 diabetes. My counter partner, a representative from Mexico, Dr. Marcos Arana presented on the Experiences of an Indigenous Group of Patients in Chiapas, and my presentation was on the History of the Diabetes Program of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

All in all, I have to say that it was a great meeting. What I learned is that Mexico is about 10 to 20 years behind us as far

as the problem with diabetes. If we could go back about 20 years, to the days when I first started working at Carl Albert as a Patient Educator, that is exactly where they are. Our goal is to help them come up with interventions to try to prevent the problems that we are now having. I believe that in reflecting on those interventions, it will help us as well to improve what we are doing to prevent Type 2 diabetes in our populations, especially the young people who are among the most at risk related to increases in prevalence.

What did I learn? Well, my Spanish is pretty poor, but I was able to communicate some with the citizens of Mexico. I also was very excited to be able to share the Chickasaw story with representatives from both countries. Dr. Chuck Grim, Director of Indian Health Service, was a part of the team, and he was proud of what we are doing in the Chickasaw Nation. We were complimented on our program and the services that we are able to offer to Chickasaw citi-

zens. If you are ever planning a trip to the Chickasaw Nation, I encourage you to make the Diabetes Care Center a part of your itinerary. Bobby Saunkeah, RN, is director over the program. He has been providing diabetes care for several years, and is my father's favorite nurse. Our health care team will answer questions related to prevention. We have many ideas and strategies for the prevention of Type 2 diabetes. The number to call is 1-800-851-9136. Just ask for the Diabetes Care Center.

Once again, I am encouraged about what we are doing to prevent diabetes among our citizens. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu. If you include Chickasaw in your subject, it helps me to identify your e-mail. If you have e-mailed, and I did not answer back, please try again. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Chickasaw Legislator
Judy Goforth Parker, PHD,
RN

Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Committee Reports

Education Committee

March 13, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert

Election Rules & Regulations

Ad Hoc Committee

March 13, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods

Finance Committee

March 6, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Scott Colbert

March 13, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Health Committee

March 6, 2006

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Commit-

tee

March 6, 2006

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee

Land Development Committee

March 6, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Land Development Committee

March 13, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

March 6, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

March 6, 2006

Present: Wilson Seawright, Dean McManus

Absent: Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Hundreds of Chickasaw college students receiving important grants, scholarships



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We are so very proud of our Chickasaw students who are continuing their educations in college and post-graduate study. These young people are preparing themselves to be our leaders in the future, and we support and encourage their pursuit of knowledge and success.

During the past year, I am pleased to report we issued a total of 686 education scholarships and grants to Chickasaw under-

graduate college students. We also approved 97 scholarships to Chickasaw students working on their master's, doctorate or other advanced degree.

Chickasaws in post-secondary education received 763 textbook grants, 253 clothing grants and 189 BIA scholarships.

We are serious about improving the educational attainment of our young Chickasaws. These young men and women will be prepared to make a difference for our tribe, our country and our world.

We must also focus our attention on primary learning. As you use your learned ability to read this column, think about the Chickasaws who have not developed good reading skills and cannot participate as they would like. I have been surprised at the number of adult Chickasaws who experience real difficulty reading.

I am working on a program to provide help for our Chickasaws who require reading skills development. This is an area those of

us who read often forget about. But our fellow Chickasaws who have this challenge need this help, and they need it now. We can make a difference.

I have recently been elected an alternate representative of the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL). In this capacity, I will work with other legislators, including the Chickasaw legislature, in bringing forward public policy issues of importance to Indian people. This is a great opportunity to serve fellow Indian people and I welcome the challenge to make a difference on a nation-wide scale.

The non-profit NFWL provides resources to women leaders for establishing new relationships, developing leadership and effective governance. Best of all, this organization helps me bring important Indian issues before decision-makers and others.

Best wishes to you as we come into Spring. May the produce from your garden be plentiful!

March 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-047

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Newcastle, McClain County, Oklahoma, described as: A part of the NE14 of Section 3, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, containing approximately 53 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman

Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-048

Lease of Jointly-owned Arkansas Riverbed Lands

Explanation: At its last quarterly meeting, held on January 19, 2006, the Arkansas Riverbed Authority, comprised of representatives of the Cherokee Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation, recommended the approval of a lease between the authority and Arkhola Sand and Gravel Company. Arkhola is an Arkansas-based corporation.

The lease grants that company the five-year right to dredge sand and gravel from the Arkansas Riverbed, with an annual minimum payment of \$8,250. The minimum is calculated based upon 20 cents per ton for sand and 25 cents per ton for gravel. Once the minimum amount has been reached, additional payment shall be calculated on the per-ton assessments noted herein.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman

Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-049

Right-of-way Easement in Pontotoc County

(Kullihoma Parcel 13)

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way to the Pontotoc County Board of Commissioners for the construction and improvements to an existing county roadway on property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation described as being in the SW14 SW14 of Section 22 and the NW14 NW14 of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 8 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Compensation is waived. Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman

Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-050

Right-of-way Easement in Pontotoc County

(Kullihoma Parcel 17)

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way to the Pontotoc County Board of Commissioners for the construction and improvements to an existing county roadway on property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation described as being in the NW14 of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 8 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Compensation is waived.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman

Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-051

Right-of-way Easement in Pontotoc County

(Kullihoma Parcel 10)

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way to the Pontotoc County Board of Commissioners for construction and improvements to an existing county roadway on property owned USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation described as being in the SW/4 SW14 of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 8 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Compensation is waived.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman

Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-053

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described as: N. 15' of Lot 7, and all of Lot 8, Block 69, Original Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson

Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene

Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 23-003

Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 2 Section 8-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Filing Fee; Voter Lists)

Explanation: This resolution amends Section 8-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding filing fees and Voter Lists.

Requested By: Steve Woods, Chairman

Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman

Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

No votes: Beth Alexander, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Sea-

wright

Permanent Resolution Number 23-004

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 10 Section 2-1031.2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Chickasaw Election Commission)

Explanation: This resolution amends the language regarding the qualifications of Election Commissioners.

Requested By: Steve Woods, Chairman

Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman

Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

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Court audits pronounce system 'robust,' 'excellent'



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Justice

Hello and greetings from Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred. I was overwhelmed by the wonderful response to the last month's article. We continue to have

you the citizens as our focus in providing a court system you can be proud of in 2006.

Because of continued growth within the District Court, the Supreme Court Justices are in the process of hiring another court advocate. The court advocate is available by appointment to explain the court process and provide the necessary legal forms. Although the court advocate does not represent anyone in a courtroom situation, he is available to advise you in court procedures.

The Judicial Branch has been the subject of two (2) independent audits in the last five (5) months. The Supreme Court

contracted an independent auditor, in November 2005, to review our courts and provide feedback to the Justices. Judge Raasch spent three days with us reviewing the courts, Supreme Court, District Court and Peacemaking. He reviewed statistical data, court personnel, legal resources, court files, court facilities and a number of other areas. At the end of his audit Judge Raasch reported the Chickasaw Nation courts system to be robust and a cornerstone for justice and service within the Chickasaw Nation.

In January 2006, a team representing the interests of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in

Washington, D.C. audited our courts. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is very interested in the success of tribal courts across the nation and will be auditing several other courts in 2006. The five (5) member team was very impressed with the Chickasaw Nation courts and gave us an overall rating of EXCELLENT. This is a huge honor for the judicial department since re-establishing the district court. The success of the courts has been a collective effort by the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches to provide a court system for the Chickasaw people. We appreciate your support.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association has grown to 82 members. If you would like an application to join the Chickasaw Bar Association, please contact Jason Burwell at (580) 235-0281.

The Chickasaw Supreme Court hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 o'clock a.m. – 12:00 o'clock p.m., and 1:00 o'clock p.m. – 5:00 o'clock p.m. If you have questions about the courts contact Connie Tillery, (580) 235-0281.

May you be blessed in your life and God Bless the Chickasaw Nation. Until next month, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Chickasaw people.

Funding for programs enhanced by growing business revenues

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for educa-

tion includes education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$38.4 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$3.1 million and \$12.2 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$50 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for February totaled \$45 million and \$222 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers

to the Tribal Government was \$81.6 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$31.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2006

Revenues	\$	4,193,922	222,689,990	226,883,912
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		34,260,330	(34,260,330)	-
Total funds available		38,454,252	188,429,660	226,883,912
Expenditures				
General government		2,577,851		2,577,851
Legislature		543,336		543,336
Judiciary		207,961		207,961
Education		2,541,122		2,541,122
Heritage Preservation		893,813		893,813
Health		2,558,814		2,558,814
Youth and Family Services		1,534,998		1,534,998
Nutrition Programs		736,499		736,499
Regulatory		559,221		559,221
Assistance Programs		780,062		780,062
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			82,179,439	82,179,439
Other businesses' expense			74,737,776	74,737,776
Total expenditures		12,933,677	156,917,215	169,850,892
Increase in net assets		25,520,575	31,512,445	57,033,020
Beginning net assets		170,770,224	209,824,594	380,594,818
Ending net assets	\$	196,290,799	241,337,039	437,627,838

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2006

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$	49,714,784	116,352,351	166,067,136
Receivables		270,845	12,309,096	12,579,941
Inventory			4,280,611	4,280,611
Prepaid expenses			2,860,305	2,860,305
Other Assets			30,016,686	30,016,686
Fixed assets		145,780,053	154,542,249	300,322,302
Less payables		525,117	(79,024,259)	(78,499,142)
Net Assets	\$	196,290,799	241,337,039	437,627,838

Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2006, the tribal government funds had \$49 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$9.3 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$116 million in cash and investments of which \$79 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$30 million is reserved for reinvest-

ment in present and new businesses.

As of February 28, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$515 million with \$78 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$437 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$36 million for the period then ended.

Chuka Chukmasi fufills Chickasaws' dreams of home

For the vast majority of people, buying a home is unlike any other purchase.

While you might walk into an auto dealership and drive out the same day with a new car, the home buying process often takes weeks or months.

Beyond that, the number of decisions involved can seem overwhelming.

That is one reason so many homebuyers have turned to the Chickasaw Nation Chuka Chukmasi home loan program for assistance.

"I decided to go through them because I knew they weren't just interested in making money," said Rebecca Chandler, a Chickasaw Nation employee. "They really want to help people."

Started in 1998, the Chuka Chukmasi (beautiful home) loan program is a cooperative effort among the Chickasaw Nation, PMI Mortgage Insurance Company, First Mortgage of Oklahoma City, and Fannie Mae to provide low down payment, flexible home loans for Chickasaw citizens.

"Chuka Chukmasi has been extremely successful in helping Chickasaws across the country meet their housing needs," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

A variety of mortgage options on loans up to \$417,000 are available through the Chuka Chukmasi program. Second mortgages are also available

to applicants to assist with down payment and other closing costs.

Loan applications are evaluated by an automated underwriting system that doesn't recognize marital status, age or race.

In November 2003, the program was recognized by the Harvard School of Government as one of the eight most effective and significant tribal government programs in the country.

"Home ownership is a very high priority for our administration, and this type of recognition helps reinforce our conviction that we are offering the kind of services that will enable all Chickasaw citizens to meet their housing needs," Gov. Anoatubby said at the time.

The program was expanded to include tribal employees in October, 2004 through collaboration with Fannie Mae to create an Employer Assisted Housing initiative - the first such collaboration with an Indian nation in Oklahoma.

Brent and Stevi Deramus were the first tribal employees to close a loan through the expanded program.

While the pair had looked to buy a home before the Chuka Chukmasi program was available, they grew frustrated with the process.

"We had tried to get a home before, but the people we dealt with were not helpful at all," said

Mr. Deramus. "Summer (Stick) and everybody at (Chickasaw Nation) housing were so helpful. I asked if they were just doing this because I am an employee. She said, 'No, we do this all the time.'"

All Chickasaw Nation employees are now be able to benefit from the award-winning home loan program which has provided more than \$29 million in home loans to 379 families in a dozen states.

"We are really excited about the success of the program," said Wayne Scribner, Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing admin-

istrator. "The number of families that have realized the dream of home ownership through this program is outstanding."

Another important part of the program is the in-depth home ownership counseling provided to home buyers, which helps relieve some of the frustration and confusion first time home buyers often face. The counseling helps people understand the home buying and home owning experience before they buy

Started as a way to help buyers fulfill the counseling requirements of the Chuka Chukmasi program, home ownership coun-

seling is also open to anyone interested in making a more informed home buying decision.

Since its inception, the counseling program has issued 985 certificates to seminar attendees.

"In my 37 years of working in the mortgage industry I've never seen a more aggressive program for Native America," said Kay Perry, director of the home loan and counseling services. "It is a wonderful feeling to be able to help people the way we do here."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

'Cooking with Kids' gets youngsters started on path of good nutrition

"Cooking with Kids" events were conducted in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell in March as part of the effort of Chickasaw Nutrition Services to highlight National Nutrition Month.

"Cooking with kids offers a fun way for children to learn about proper nutrition," said

Whitney Hollingsworth, RD, LD who conducts the classes. "We teach them quick, easy recipes for healthy snacks that taste good. That helps them understand that eating right can be fun."

The number of overweight children keeps rising. The National Academy of Sciences recently said "current food and beverage marketing puts children's long-term health at risk." With dietary preferences and eating patterns developing early in life, the food and nutrition experts of the American Dietetic Association say all children need access both to high-quality foods and to education on making the best possible food choices.

"Far too many of America's children are overfed but undernourished, are declining in physical activity and have limited health knowledge," said registered dietitian and ADA spokesperson Andrea Giancoli.

"These classes are part of our comprehensive preventive health care efforts," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Type 2 Dia-

betes is rising at alarming rates among our children, and we want to do everything we can to instill healthy habits which help them prevent this devastating disease."

More than 150 area children have taken part in the classes which have been conducted periodically for just more than a year.

Other programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services include:

WIC (Women Infants and Children) Supplemental Nutri-

tion Program

Food Distribution Program (FDP)

WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Food Stamp Nutrition Education (Get Fresh)

Food and Nutrition Services within the hospital

Inpatient and Community Nutrition Education

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Now we're cookin'!



Chickasaw Nation Community Dietician Whitney Hollingsworth supervises, from left, Chasity Bruner, Laura Dennis, John Dennis Michael Bruner Jr. and Diamond Dennis as they make pizza during the "Cooking with Kids Class" at the Ardmore Nutrition Center March 16.

Chuka Chukmasi features low down, second mortgage, counseling

Several special features set the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program apart from most other lenders.

One feature which is important to many home buyers is the low down payment aspect.

In most cases, borrowers only need a down payment of one percent of the purchase price or \$500, whichever is lower.

Along with the low down payment, Chuka Chukmasi also provides most home buyers access to a second mortgage to help pay closing costs. This is important, because closing costs can often add up to thousands of dollars.

Another important feature is the home ownership counsel-

ing.

Education provided through this service can help potential home buyers better understand the process.

Counseling services include information to help potential buyers decide whether they should buy a home.

Chuka Chukmasi counselors can also help potential buyers understand their credit report and assist in updating information to improve that score if necessary.

Counseling is also offered on home maintenance, budgeting and other aspects of home ownership.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Lighthorse Police participate in southern Oklahoma drug round-up

ARDMORE, Okla. - Chickasaw Lighthorse Police joined dozens of state, federal and local law enforcement agencies in Operation 700 Ranch Round-Up, which resulted in the indictment and arrest of more than one hundred people on drug related charges in south central Oklahoma and northern Texas.

More than 55 individuals were apprehended March 7 in mass arrests in south central Oklahoma and north Texas as a result of the investigation which began in May, 2005.

More arrests are expected.

"We were honored to respond to the Drug Enforcement Agency request to participate in this operation," said LPD Chief Jason O'Neal. "Operations such as this one go a long way toward helping us reach our goal of making this a better, safer place to live."

Four LPD officers, including two criminal investigators and two K-9 unit officers, joined task force teams in arrest operations which began hours before daylight Tuesday.

"It is very gratifying to see the close cooperation between our

Lighthorse Police officers and local, state and federal agencies," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We are interested in helping improve the quality of life of everyone in the Chickasaw Nation and these kinds of collaborative efforts benefit everyone affected."

This investigation targeted methamphetamine traffickers based in north Texas and south central Oklahoma. Agencies involved asked for assistance from the DEA's Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) assigned in Dallas.

"Our participation in this operation began almost a year ago, only months after our department was formed," said Chief O'Neal. "We have been involved in gathering intelligence and other operations which led to today's arrests."

Arrests included 15 federal indictments for conspiracy and distribution of methamphetamine, and 88 State of Oklahoma and State of Texas indictments for additional drug charges.

U.S. Attorney Sheldon J. Sperling said "this initiative is a phenomenal testimony as to

what cooperative law enforcement efforts can accomplish. Leads have been run from the ground in the Eastern District of Oklahoma to other states in an effort to identify and disrupt major drug trafficking groups.

"We are grateful for the work of our law enforcement partners at local, county, state, and federal levels."

Indictments allege that substantial amounts of methamphetamine were being supplied to the south central Oklahoma area by several traffickers based in north Texas. Officers in Oklahoma and Texas conducted

surveillance, made undercover drug purchases, executed search and arrest warrants and used other investigative techniques to gather the evidence needed for indictment and prosecution.

"This successful investigation would not have been possible without the 'team attitude' displayed by all of the local, state and federal police agencies," said Sperling. "Both state and federal prosecutors were very supportive of the planned operation and have been involved in the decision-making process from the start."

Agencies involved in the op-

eration include the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, the Dallas Field Division Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Oklahoma 20th District Task Force, Ardmore Police Department, Carter County Sheriff Department and the Gainesville, Texas Police Department.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Multimedia wins three gold 'ADDY' awards

With more than 60,000 entries annually, the ADDY Awards are the world's largest advertising competition.

"We have won ADDYs before, but this is the first year we have won three gold awards," said David Ballard, multimedia creative director. "We have a lot of very talented people working here. Everyone here takes great pride in their work and these awards demonstrate that their efforts have paid off."

Kelley Lunsford, museums, archives and library director for the Chickasaw Nation, helped with the design and collections for the Chickasaw historical Society Calendar.

Multimedia also won nine bronze and silver ADDY awards in various categories.

"Our multimedia department has always done excellent work," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It is very gratifying to see them receive this much-deserved recognition."

The ADDY® Awards represent the true spirit of creative

excellence by recognizing all forms of advertising from media of all types, creative by all sizes, and entrants of all levels from anywhere in the world! The American Advertising Federation, a not-for-profit industry association, conducts the ADDY® Awards through its 200 member advertising clubs and 15 districts. It is the only creative awards program administered by the advertising industry for the industry.

As the "Unifying Voice for Advertising," the American Advertising Federation (AAF), headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the trade association that represents 50,000 professionals in the advertising industry. AAF's 130 corporate members are advertisers, agencies and media companies that comprise the nation's leading brands and corporations. AAF has a national network of 210 ad clubs and connects the industry with an academic base through its 210 college chapters.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

June 5-16, 2006

WHO: YOU!

WHAT: A two-week arts academy that provides training to Native Americans 10 through 19 years of age interested in music composition, visual, literary, vocal music or performing arts.

WHERE: On the campus of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

WHY: Learn from renowned artists, make professional connections, immerse yourself in your art form and let the experience inspire! The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy provides an opportunity for you to gain experience in the artistic fields of acting, writing, dance, music composition, visual art, vocal music and theatre performances.

HOW: Complete and return your application to:

Chickasaw Nation
Division of Arts & Humanities
815 N. Mississippi
Ada, Oklahoma 74820
(580) 332-1092

All those interested in attending the 2006 CSAA session must attend the orientation and pre-registration session from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 22, in Faust Hall Auditorium at ECU.

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Neely Wood

Neely Alexis Wood turned seven years old February 27, 2006. She celebrated her seventh birthday with a "Chicken Little" birthday party at the "Bouncing Around" inflatable party place in Durant, Oklahoma on February 26. Many of Neely's family, friends and schoolmates attended.

Neely is in Mrs. Walker's first grade class at Tishomingo (OK) Elementary. She is active in the Tishomingo Youth Soccer League, little league t-ball and Studio Fit Cheer Class. Neely is on the "A" Honor Roll. She loves cheerleading, riding her go-cart and horse, playing with her hamster and pitching softballs.

Neely is the daughter of Patricia and Scott Wood of Tishomingo and sister to Kayla Jo and Cheyenne Wood.

Her grandparents are Phyllis Seymore and Larry and Eugenia Wood, all of Tishomingo and the late Joe Plumley. Great-grandparents are Floyd and Joyce Hackworth of Bromide.

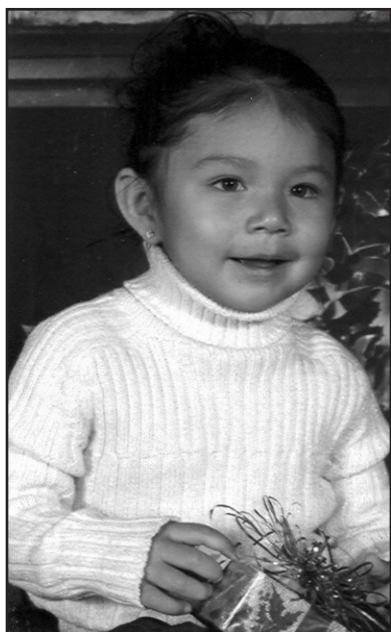
Happy seventh birthday Neely!

We all love you,
Your Family

MaKynlee Shyann Miller turned three years old March 9, 2006. She celebrated with a "Finding Nemo" theme party March 5, 2006 at the home of Wesley and Nikki McElhannon, Ada, Okla. Helping MaKynlee celebrate this special day were her mom, dad, ma maw, paw paw and grandma along with a number of other family and friends.

MaKynlee's birthday is extra special because she shares it with a very special person in her life, her Paw Paw Robert Hamilton.

MaKynlee is the daughter of Rick and Sherri Miller, of Mill Creek, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Mae Hamilton, Mill Creek and Francis Miller, Ada. Her great-grandparents are the late Joseph and Euline Hamilton, the late Joseph and Minnie Shields and the late Adam and Viola Walker.



MaKynlee Miller



Chayton Gambel

Chayton Phillip James Gambel celebrated his second birthday January 21, 2006 with a Sponge Bob Squarepants theme party.

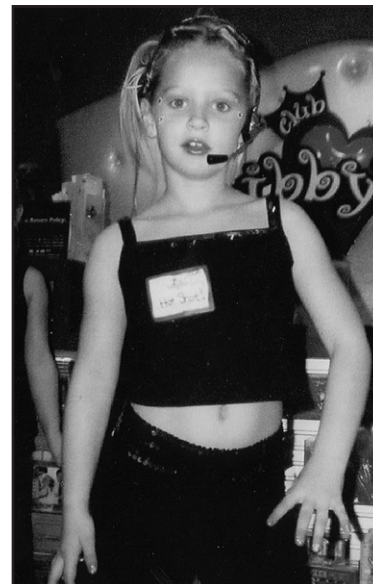
Chayton is the son of Juston and Angela Gambel of Madill, Okla. He has two sisters, Amara and Keely Ingle of the home.

He is the grandson of Craig and Gwen Gambel and Janet Hart all of Madill.

He is the great-grandson of Jerri Flint of Madill, Bob and Margie Olson of Shepherd, Mich., and Richard Hudson of Winter Haven, Fla.

Chayton attends Oakview Baptist Church and loves playing with Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends Trains. He is a little comedian and his family loves him very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sissy and KeKe!



Coda Metcalf

Coda Braye Metcalf, Chickasaw, celebrated her seventh birthday Feb. 2, 2006 with Mrs. Kime's first grade class in Marietta, Okla.

After school Coda, her mom and six friends went to "Club Libby Lu" in Lewisville, Texas, for a rock star makeover party complete with costumes, music, dancing and pink hair-dos.

Coda is the daughter of Stephanie Metcalf. She is the granddaughter of Tanya Teafatiller and the great-granddaughter of Violet (Hays) Harrill. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Thomas Wesley Hays, original enrollee.

Births

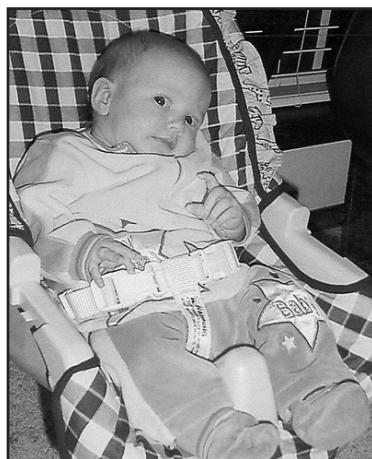


Cavin Eubanks

Clayton, Kristin and big sister, Karsen Eubanks, are proud to announce the birth of Cavin Eubanks.

Cavin was born 12:43 p.m., March 13, 2006 at Plano Presbyterian Hospital, Plano, Texas. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

Cavin is welcomed by his grandparents, Melvin and Jan Imotichey of El Reno, Okla., Dona Liles of Tyler, Texas and the late Michael Eubanks. His great-grandparents are Rosalie Imotichey, Sulphur, Okla., and the late Herman and Lavena Elmore.



Lacey Hall

Lacey Dian Hall was born December 5, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and measured 21 1/2 inches.

She is the daughter of Joseph James and Wendy (Amos) Hall. She was greeted by her half-sister, Taylor Carroll and half-brothers, Stephen and Nicholas Liszeski.

Maternal grand parents are

John and Dian Amos of Noble, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Earl and Jo Hall of Oklahoma City.

Lacey is the family's latest in a long line of Chickasaws. Current family members who are members of the Chickasaw Nation include, her father Joseph James Hall, her paternal aunt, Nancy Lynne Hall Ridley, her first cousin, Misty Amber Burris Steffen (and her three children, Azure Rain Witten, Adin Isaac Steffen and Ashton River Steffen), and her paternal grandmother Jo Anne Burney Hall.

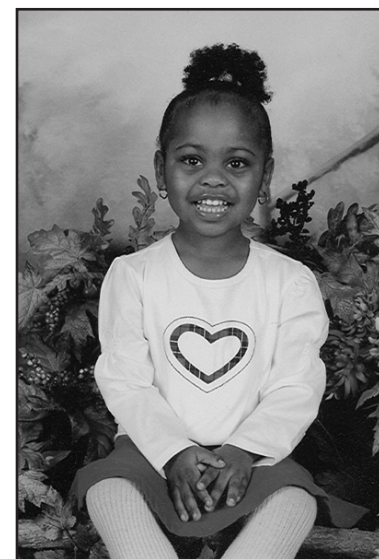
Her strong Chickasaw lineage (Burney, Colbert, Love) goes back through her great-grandfather, original enrollee Joseph Wesley Burney (1896-1965), Albert Sindy Burney (1872-1956), Wesley Browning Burney (1849-1912), David Calhoun Burney (1820-1880)

a removal participant and name sake of Burneyville, Okla., Margaret (Peggy) Allen (1790-1857) wife of Simon Burney, Susan Colbert (1775-1800) and James Logan Colbert (1720-1784), Lacey's great to the seventh degree grandfather.

The lineage crosses into the Love family with the wife of David Calhoun Burney, Emily Love, the daughter of Isaac Love (1797-1881) and with the wife of Wesley Browning Burney, Mary Eliza Gaines, a granddaughter of Thomas Love (1797-1830).

Lacey is also the great to the third degree grand niece of Chickasaw Governor Benjamin Crook Burney.

May she be as proud of her Chickasaw heritage as her predecessors have been.



Ty-yanna Erving

Ty-yanna Erving celebrated her third birthday Feb. 12, 2006.

She is the daughter of Tawanna Erving, Chicago, Ill.

She is the granddaughter of Willie J. and Joyce A. Erving, Chicago, and the great-granddaughter of Leroy and Iva McWilliams.

Happy Birthday!
Love you,
Nana, Granny and Papa



Chapmans serve Assembly church as youth ministers



L.P. and Shawna Chapman

L.P. and Shawna Chapman, members of the Assembly of God Church in Bastrop, Texas are the directors of the church children and teenagers department.

The Chapmans are in their late 20s and working hard to teach the Bible and encourage their students to achieve higher moral standards for their lives.

Young people like the Chapmans are our future and will help make a difference in the lives of many. We are proud of their dedication.

L.P. is the great-grandson of Winnie L. Neighbors Blocker, original enrollee, and the grandson of Virginia Chapman.

Haddocks celebrate 66 years together



M.C. and Louise Haddock

M.C. "Red" and Louise Haddock celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on March 1, 2006. Red celebrated his 90th birthday on January 25, 2006.

A family reunion was celebrated at the Haddock's home in Porter, Texas in celebration of there special occasion in their life.

Family members came from Oklahoma and Texas to honor them.

Red and Louise have lived an interesting life through the years. They are originally from Tulsa but have traveled several states following Defense Construction work in Kansas and Oklahoma and ship building in California through the 40s and 50s.

They moved to Houston in 1963 and were both involved in their separate business. They retired in 1984 and moved to Lake Livingston, Texas. They enjoyed lake life for a few years but moved back to Porter, Texas to be closer to their family.

They have one son, Nicky, and his wife Jean. One granddaughter, Dana and her husband, Bob and three great grandsons, Price, Matthew and Jack Atterberry.

The Haddocks are active members of the Woodridge Baptist Church in Kingwood. Louise is the daughter of Winnie Blocker an original enrollee.

Nurse marks 49 years



Laura Watson

Laura (Frazier) Watson, a Chickasaw originally from Tupelo, Oklahoma, is still going strong in the nursing profession at age 72. Mrs. Watson currently works as an LPN for the Pushmataha County Hospital in Antlers, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Walters attended and graduated from high school in Lawrence, Kansas. While attending high school she supported herself by working at the University of Kansas. After graduating, she moved to Albuquerque, where she studied to become an LPN. Upon completion of her studies in Albuquerque, Mrs. Watson moved to Dallas, where she completed her training as a Surgical Tech at Baylor Medical Center.

In 1957, Mrs. Watson began

her career in nursing at the Tahina Indian Hospital. Her career took her to several other medical facilities before she started work at Pushmataha Hospital in 1989, including: Valley View Hospital in Ada, Oklahoma; Creek Nation Hospital in Okemah, Oklahoma; and Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Watson is affectionately known by her co-workers as "Pokni" the Chickasaw word for old. She credits her long career to her strong Christian faith and having always been fortunate enough to find good, caring, supportive people to work with.

This year marks Mrs. Watson's 49th year in nursing. To help her celebrate, Dr. Ed Ellis and his wife Mary plan to fly Laura to Love Field in Dallas, in their private plane. There she will be met by family and friends for further celebration. Mrs. Watson has been known to say, "What lights my fire is flying in airplanes."

She thoroughly enjoys working with the Pushmataha Hospital staff and plans to keep working for one more year.

Chickasaw to Boys State

Jesse Stafford, the son of Mark and Rebecca Daggs, attends Okemah (OK) High School. Jesse has been chosen to go to American Legion Boys

State in May 2006.

Jesse is a junior who enjoys playing football and baseball. He is looking forward to attending Boys State.

Chickasaw ballplayer leads team to perfect mark

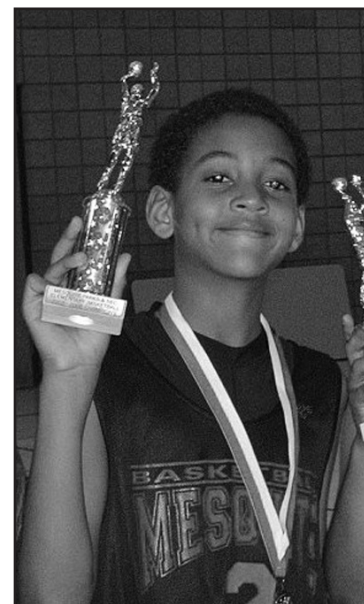
It is with great pleasure that we congratulate our son, Zachary Evan Charles, age 10, on a perfect season as point guard for the Mesquite Mavs.

Zach averaged 10 points a game this year and with his team earned a perfect season, rolling undefeated all the way to the city championships! On February 25 Zach scored a total of 31 points during a three-game championship playoff. The final score in the game against the Mesquite Cougars was 47-15, and Zachary secured 15 points in that game.

Zach had his team are now on their way to the regional tournament in Waco, Texas.

His parents, Chris and Asani Charles, are extremely proud of Zach this year because he worked hard to be a playmaker who helps his teammates work well as a team.

Zach is a fifth-grader at B.J. Smith Elementary and lives with his family in Mesquite, Texas. He is the descendant of the late Estella Brown Smith, of Chickasha, and the great-grandson of Bernice Smith Clark, of Los Angeles.



Zachary Charles

OKC Community Council to meet April 4

The presentation scheduled for the April 4 meeting of the OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council will be the saga of Pikey's Crossing. Betty Smith will display a large collection of photographs and will recount the history of Pikey's Crossing.

"Betty has worked hard to have this landmark commemorated by the Nation and she will share her trials and tribulations, as well as her research with the Council," Chairman Giles said. "This has been a four-year long effort for Betty and we're looking forward to her presentation."

"Meet and greet" begins at

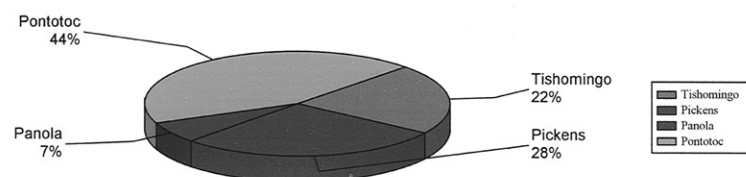
6:30 pm and all Chickasaws are urged to bring their family and attend this highly informative meeting. OKCMCCC meetings are conducted at the Council building located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma

City. For more information call (405) 204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Come early and stay late for fellowship with other OKC Metro Chickasaws.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,488	Panola	1,342
Pickens	5,758	Pontotoc	8,997
		Total	20,585



1957 Kemp (OK) Lady Tigers, now and then



2006 - These ladies from 1957 Kemp basketball team were among the pioneers of Bryan County girls basketball as one of the most successful squads of their time. They were honored at the recent Bryan County Tournament. Pictured are: Patsy Williams-Redden, Barbara Wilson-Lewis, Patsy Skinner-Cockril, Nelda Cleveland-Robinson, Peggy Williams-Teague, Polly Bodine-Ball, Marilyn Taylor-Mitchell, Lawanda Taylor-Duckworth, Mary Waitman-Kuneman and Joyce Muylle-Nichols. Not pictured are Treva Blankenship-Traylor and Mary Muylle-Evans.



1957 - The Lady Tigers were 22-6 in 1956-57 winning Bryan County Tournament as well as District and Conference championships. Top row: Patsy Williams, Patsy Skinner, Nelda Cleveland, Peggy Williams, Polly Bodine, Marilyn Taylor and Coach John Lucas. Bottom row: Barbara Wilson, Treva Blankenship, Lawanda Taylor, Mary Waitman, Joyce Muylle and Mary Muylle.

Disaster planning



Rich Gabehart, right, and U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona.

Richard Gabehart is the Regional Preparedness Planner for the Texas Department of State Health Services Region 7 in Temple, Texas. His duties include all hazards disaster planning, and hospital preparedness planning.

Mr. Gabehart is an experienced safety engineer, industrial hygienist, and ergonomist, and is qualified as a Certified Field Safety Representative with the

Texas Workers' Compensation Commission.

He is a sixth-generation Texan from San Antonio, and is the grandson of the late Jesse Mae Thomas Gabehart, an original enrollee.

Mr. Gabehart earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut at Storrs, and a Master of Public Health from the University of Connecticut at Farmington.

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the month
Exercise reduces total cholesterol (LDL, bad cholesterol), and raises (HDL, good cholesterol), which decreases your chances of developing heart disease.

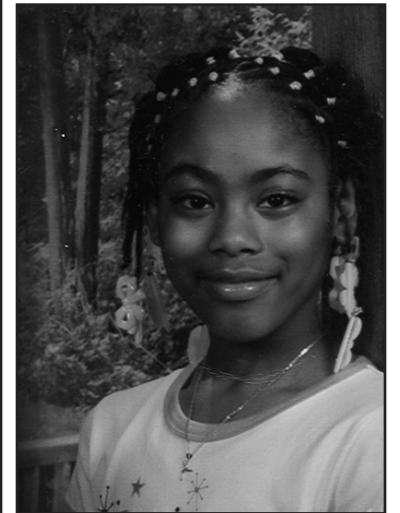
The Moccasin Trail program

congratulates the following for achieving over the 1,000-mile goal.

Bobby Couch, Darya and Di-one Harjo, and Taylor Rawson

Congrats gals for your success!

Honor roll recognition



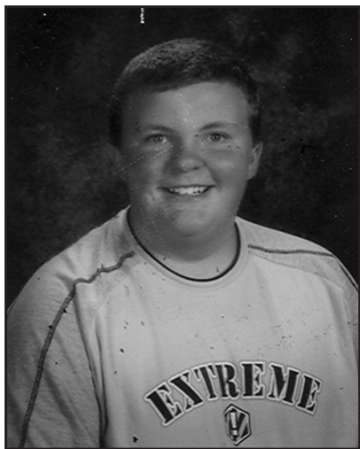
Reayanna Erving

Reayanna Erving of Chicago, Ill., recently made the honor roll for the first and second marking period at Salem Christian Academy. The first period she was on the B Honor Roll and the second period she on the A Honor Roll.

Reayanna is the daughter of Tawanna Erving, Chicago, Ill. She is the granddaughter of Willie J. and Joyce A. Erving and the great-granddaughter of Iva Lee and Leroy McWilliams.

Congratulations!
Granny and Papa

Chickasaw student recognized by Achievement Academy



Lance Keenan

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Lance Keenan from Ada, Oklahoma has been named a United States National Award Winner in Honor Roll.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high

school students.

Lance, who attends Ada Junior High, was nominated for this national award by Daphne Evans, a counselor at the school. Lance, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standard of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a qualified sponsor.

Lance is the son of Candace and Jeff Keenan of Ada. His grandparents are Jerry and JoAnn Keenan of Ada, and Judy Fisher of Reno, Nevada.

North Texas Community Council Meeting

Saturday, April 29

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(may arrive as early as 3:30 p.m.)

Southern Methodist University

In the Crow Building
(Cox's School of Business)

**6212 Bishop Blvd.
Dallas**

For more information, contact Linda Ethridge at (972) 442-7054 or ntchickasaws@hotmail.com

WorkKeys measures 'real-world' skills for employers, workers

The Chickasaw Nation Office of Employment Opportunities is offering a new and exciting program for job seekers and employers. As part of a nationwide initiative, the ACT Workforce Development Division has developed WorkKeys, a job skills assessment system measuring "real-world" skills that employers believe are critical to job success.

The Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Department and Chickasaw Nation Area Offices in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo will serve as assessment sites for the WorkKeys program.

Upon completion of the WorkKeys assessment, individuals will obtain certification from the State of Oklahoma which can be included with job applications and resumes. The certification will validate the individual's skills and qualifications levels. This assessment is valuable for any occupation, skilled or professional, and at any level of education.

The Chickasaw Nation will also work to help individuals who may need further training in order to increase assessment scores.

To find out more about the Chickasaw Nation WorkKeys program, contact Darrell Walker or Debra Bittle at (580) 436-7294.

The ACT-WorkKeys Initiative Program Details

Assessments

Although there are nine WorkKeys assessments, the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma have partnered together and determined that three main assessments will be used to identify job skill levels required by employers: applied mathematics, locating information and reading for information.

Any of the three WorkKeys assessments can be completed in less than an hour and can be taken at any of the offices mentioned above.

Job Analysis

The WorkKeys job profiling component offers a concrete way for organizations to analyze the skills needed for specific jobs and to describe those needs to educators, students and job

applicants.

For each position, job profiling identifies the skills and WorkKeys skill levels an individual must have to perform successfully. By comparing job profile information with an individual's scores on the WorkKeys tests, organizations can make reliable decisions about hiring, training and program development. Job profiling meets the validity and fairness requirements of EEOC guidelines.

Training

WorkKeys enables educators, individuals and employers to identify skill gaps and guide training decisions to improve WorkKeys scores when necessary. The Chickasaw Nation will utilize the KeyTrain "Upskilling Program" which is a tool for those needing additional assistance in basic workplace literacy. KeyTrain will assist a person to score on scale in the WorkKeys assessments.

WorkKeys Skill Level Scores

Each WorkKeys assessment has a score level range. WorkKeys scores indicate an individual's ability to perform more complex skills as the score levels increase.

Assessment scores link directly to the skill levels used in job profiling, giving employers and educators a common language to discuss skill level needs.

WorkKeys Certificate Initiatives

Oklahoma has developed WorkKeys readiness certificates to help individuals document their skills for potential employers. The certificates validate the WorkKeys skill levels an individual has achieved. Those who score at higher levels are qualified for more jobs. Individuals can determine the number and type of jobs they qualify for by comparing their scores to the WorkKeys national database of skill levels required for more than 10,000 jobs.

Depending on the assessment scores, Career Ready Certificates will be issued by the State of Oklahoma signed by Governor Brad Henry and the Secretary of Commerce. The certificates will either be bronze, silver or gold depending on the assessment scores. The certificates will be issued in two different sizes, one 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper form and also in a plastic credit card size.

Chickasaw company



From left, Chickasaws Phil Hamon, Steve Stewart, and Linda Stewart, and Gene Stewart in front of their new Chickasaw Ent. Kenworth tractor. Linda and Gene Stewart started the company in 1997. Now sons Phil and Steve are involved. The company is located in Southern California. The family has a long trucking history. The sons' grandfathers, Wilburn James and Ernie Stewart, were both truckers.

Special bicycle donation



Chickasaw Nation Head Start student Kobi Brown, 3, and her brother Tyler, 7, sit atop new bicycles presented to them by the tribal Head Start staff. The children lost their bicycles in a January grass fire that destroyed the Brown's barn and much of their property. Through efforts by staff members and a generous donor, the new bicycles were purchased. Pictured are, front, Tyler Brown and Kobi Brown; middle, Head Start Director Danny Wells and the children's mother, Dayna Brown; back, Family Service Worker Hazel Wallace, Ada Head Start Center Supervisor Melissa Morgan and Family Service Worker Melinda Filbeck.

2006 CNHS Diabetes Camp

Who can attend: Diabetic patients of the Chickasaw Nation Health System

When: June 20 - 23, 2006

Where: Davis Microtel Inn & Suites

Registration Deadline: May 5, 2006

- There is no cost, camp is free
- You may bring a guest
- All campers must be over 12 years of age
- All campers are expected to participate in educational and physical activities
- All campers must get the medical release signed by their medical provider

For more information contact the Diabetes Care Center, (580) 421-4532 or 1-800-851-9136 ext. 82260.

Chickasaw Children's Choir performs at state capitol

The Chickasaw Children's Choir was invited to perform at the Oklahoma State Capitol on March 7 as part of the *Create OK* Oklahoma Arts Education Coalition opening of Youth Arts Month.

Several presenters, performers and onlookers filled the fourth-floor rotunda of the capitol building as a show of support for arts education in Oklahoma. Guests included First Lady of Oklahoma Kim Henry, Oklahoma Lt. Governor Mary Fallin and the reigning Miss Oklahoma Jennifer Warren.

"We are honored to have our choir take part in this ceremony that celebrates such an important part of our education system," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "All children should have the opportunity to explore the arts and enrich their lives."

State Representatives Lisa Billy and Wes Hilliard stopped

by to visit with the choir and enjoy their performance. The representatives also took time to pose for pictures with the choir under Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's "Flight of Spirit" mural displayed in the capitol's rotunda. The painting features five Native American ballet dancers and is a tribute to the arts in Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Children's Choir performs throughout the year across the state of Oklahoma and is conducted by Phillip Berryhill. Choir members' ages range from kindergarten through high school and come from all over the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about joining the choir or to schedule an appearance, contact the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division at (580) 332-1092.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Choir with Reps – State Representatives Wes Hilliard (left) and Lisa Billy (right) stand with the Chickasaw Children's Choir under Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen's "Flight of Spirit" mural in the Oklahoma State Capitol rotunda. The painting commemorates five world famous Oklahoma Indian Ballerinas; Yvonne Chouteau, Rosella Hightower, Moscelyne Larkin and Maria and Marjorie Tallchief.

Rabies Clinics

American Indian pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at one of several rabies clinics planned this spring.

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program. Vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB cards to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

Newcastle

Tuesday, April 18
Tri-City Area (at old Wal-Mart)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ada

Thursday, April 20
Agri-Plex Parking Lot

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ada

Friday, May 5
Agri-Plex Parking Lot

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Chickasha

Wednesday, May 10
Fellowship of American Indian Church

1217 W. Frisco

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Purcell

Thursday, May 18

Chickasaw Nation Purcell
Area Office

1603 S. Green Avenue

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tishomingo

Thursday, June 1

Tishomingo Community
Center

Across from CN Health
Clinic

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Connerville

Thursday, June 8

Connerville Senior Site
Highway 99

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Madill

Thursday, June 15

Madill Senior Site
101 S. 5th Street

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Achille

Thursday, June 22

Achille School Gym
Highway 91

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Enos

Thursday, June 29

Enos Fire Department
1355 Black Jack Road,

Kingston

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256 or the Purcell Area Office at (405) 527-6667.

Dream of owning your own home?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market Conventional Loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The CNDHTD can assist you with down payment and closing costs. Qualified borrowers invest as little as \$500.00. We offer expanded underwriting guidelines that allow those with less than perfect credit to be approved. There are no income guidelines. Maximum loan amount is \$359,650.00 and the minimum is \$10,000. In addition we can assist with refinancing for homeowners who want to lower their interest rates and or payments.



NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building your own home? If



you have been approved for your 30 year financing, Housing Counseling & Loan Services can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. This program is open to Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate on the construction loan is only 5%, the term is 6 months and be prepared to make interest payments on the construction loan during construction. Please call us for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is \$30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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Outstanding Chickasaw Cadian Hendricks honored

Many friends and family members honored the late Cadian Hendricks during a March 4 reception hosted by the Johnston County Historical & Genealogical Society. Mr. Hendricks, a charter member and two-time president of the society, died Dec. 9, 2004.

Juanita Warriner, long-time friend and vice-president of the genealogical department, presented a plaque to family members commemorating Mr. Hendricks' achievements.

"The purpose of this reception is to honor a man who accomplished tremendous achievements for the Johnston County Historical and Genealogical Society," Warriner said during her presentation.

"Cadian was a charter member of the organization and served as president two separate times. During his last term of office from 1998 to 2000, he

was instrumental in achieving the complete restoration of the upstairs portion of the R. M. Harris Building.

"Through his efforts, the society was successful in obtaining a grant which provided funding to complete the task. During the entire restoration, Mr. Hendricks willingly provided daily personal volunteer time helping to achieve this goal."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Hendricks had a very giving attitude.

"Cadian was very dedicated to his family, to the Chickasaw Nation and the entire community," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Little more than a year ago, Mr. Hendricks received a posthumous commendation from Members of the Chickasaw Nation Housing Authority Board for "meritorious and devoted service to the Chickasaw peo-

ple."

Mr. Hendricks was commended for applying his technical, administrative and life experience, his sense of history to his work, as well as the fact that he "was never distracted from the mission of the Housing Authority to serve the less fortunate members of the Chickasaw Tribe, treating fairly and equally all cases that came before the Board, while at the same time, expecting those whom he helped to also help themselves."

In addition to his service on the housing authority board, Mr. Hendricks had previously served as a member of the Chickasaw Industries board.

"Mr. Hendricks will be sorely missed by all who knew him," said Gov. Anoatubby at that time. "His life was marked by a spirit and attitude of service that is seldom seen and will be long remembered."



Juanita Warriner presented a plaque to the family of Cadian Hendricks in honor the work he did for the Johnston County (OK) Historical and Genealogical Society. From left are are his daughter Elizabeth; presenter Juanita Warriner; his wife Jenniffer; and daughter Jacquelyn.

Coworkers and peers had a great deal of respect for Mr. Hendricks professionally and personally, according to Gary Joiner, who worked with Mr. Hendricks on the Housing Authority Board.

"Cadian was one of the Chickasaw Nation's treasures," said Mr. Joiner. "He did a lot of things for the nation in a quiet and unheralded way. He was well liked by everyone who knew him."

Mr. Hendricks was recently asked to appear in one of the

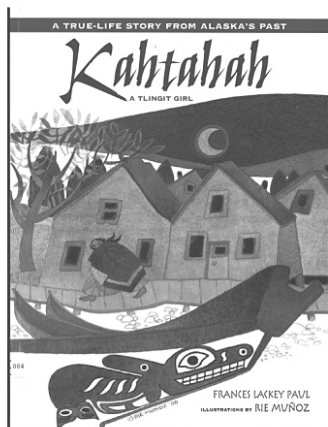
Chickasaw Nation: United We Thrive television spots featuring outstanding Chickasaw citizens.

"Cadian was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage and being asked by Governor Anoatubby to be the subject of one of those spots was one of the proudest moments in his life," said Mr. Joiner. "Not being able to appear because of poor health was a great disappointment to him."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

Featured Selections of the Month



Kahtahah
A Tlingit Girl

Frances Lackey Paul

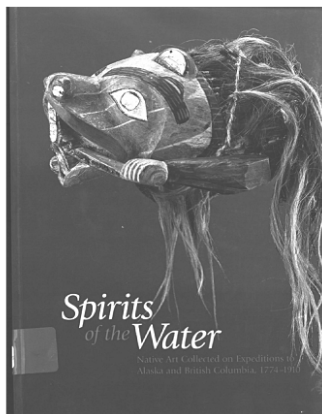
Back Cover: "There should be more Alaskan books such as this. Kahtahah, basically a book for children, is a charming introduction--for all ages--to the intricate culture of Alaska's Tlingit Indians. . . . Highly recommended."

--The Seattle Times

Spirits Of The water

Native Art Collected on Expeditions to Alaska and British Columbia, 1774-1910

Back Cover: "The images in this book--animal, human, and spirit faces--evoke the powerful cultural legacy of the inhabitants of the Northwest Coast. . . . explore the traditions of art, social organization, and ceremony that inspired their makers."



Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library

520 E. Arlington (Downstairs in the Miko Building, Chickasaw Nation Headquarters)
Ada OK 74820 (580) 436-2603, ext. 7301

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tribal rep in Chickasha April 17

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on April 17 to answer questions about tribal programs.

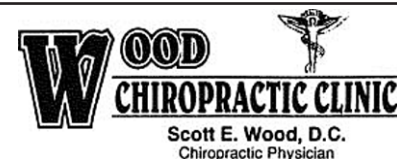
For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs,

visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

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"A Chickasaw Tribal Member"

College & Career Day opens possibilities

ADA, Okla. - On February 22, a total of 230 area high school students gathered at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada as part of the Chickasaw Nation Spring 2006 College and Career Day.

Students heard from college and career technology representatives from across the state regarding admission standards, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, available classes and campus organizations.

The event helped inform seniors about the last steps they need to take before graduation, and informed juniors about what they need to do to prepare for their upcoming school year.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby welcomed the students and encouraged them to pursue their goals of continuing their educations and learning new skills.

"Education is possibly the single most important factor shaping the course of our future," Governor Anoatubby told the students. "The minds shaped today are the decision makers of tomorrow. You are those decision makers."

Governor Anoatubby also awarded a laptop computer and printer each to Roff High School and Ardmore High School for tying as the schools with the largest attendance at the event.

Chickasaw Enterprises Hotel, Restaurant and Entertainment Division Manager David Littlefield also spoke to the students

and encouraged them to take advantage of their opportunities and develop the right attitude.

"When you combine education with a positive attitude, that's power," Littlefield told the group. "You have that power within you to shape your own destiny, and it starts with you gaining the education and skills needed to open the door to success."

Students also took part in breakout sessions that included information on grants, scholarships and financial aid information available through the Five Civilized Tribes as well as employment and adult education opportunities.

During breaks participants were able to visit several information booths and talk with representatives from colleges, career schools, employers and tribes from across the state.

A student essay contest was also conducted as part of the event. Taylor Johnson from Dickson High School was awarded a laptop computer, printer and backpack carrying case for his winning essay.

The event was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Services. For more information on future events or to find out more about education opportunities, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Roff (OK) High School senior C.J. Stewart receives a laptop computer and printer from Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and tribal Education Services Division Administrator Lisa John. Roff and Ardmore High School each received a computer for totaling the most participants in attendance.

Summer Youth program now accepting applications

ADA, Okla. - Applications are now available for the 2006 Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program.

Native American youth ages 14 to 21 years by June 5, 2006 are eligible to apply for the program, where they can gain valuable work experience and earn an average of more than \$200 per week for the eight-week program.

To apply for the program, youth need to supply a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, proof of residence, income verification and Social Security card, as well as a recent report card, achievement test scores or transcript. Males 18 and older also need to supply a Selective Service number.

While the deadline to return applications to area offices is May 1, youth are encouraged to apply early.

Work sites will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis for those who have completed the application.

For information or an application contact your local area office.

Tishomingo Area Office
815 E. 6th Street
P.O. Box 192
Tishomingo, OK 73460
(580) 371-9512

Ada Area Office
520 E. Arlington
P.O. Box 1548
Ada, OK 74821
(580) 436-2603 Ext.7365

Sulphur Area Office
2200 W. Broadway
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-2888

Purcell Area Office
1603 S. Green Street
P.O. Box 1620
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-6667

Duncan Area Office
1215 W. Willow
Duncan, OK 73533
(580) 252-4119

Ardmore Area Office
39 N. Washington
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580) 226-4821

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Higher Education Assistance

The Chickasaw Nation grants and scholarships for higher education are available to full-time and part-time "undergraduate" or "graduate" college students. Students must have their citizenship cards with the Chickasaw Nation. The grants and scholarships **are not** based on blood quantum, income or geographical location.

The grants and scholarships are intended to assist students by providing funding for tuition, fees, supplies, and books for those students pursuing an associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education. The field of study is not limited to any particular discipline.

The primary objective of these grants and scholarships is to provide financial assistance in a manner that will increase the number of Chickasaw citizens attending college. Students applying for funding may attend any accredited college in the United States. Comprehensive universities, regional universities, two-year colleges, private institutions and online universities within Oklahoma or outside of the state are acceptable as long as they are accredited.

Chickasaw citizens who wish to be considered for academic grants and scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation should complete the application. The application and all documents must be received by the deadline date(s) of February 1 for the spring semester, June 15 for the summer semester and September 1 for the fall semester. Any application received after the deadline dates may be considered for late funding at a later date if funding is available.

Note: High school seniors fall semester deadline is April 1 for the following documentation: Chickasaw Nation citizenship card, essay, letter of recommendation and high school transcript (seven semesters). All other documentation is due by September 1.

For more information or to receive an application, call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaweducationservices.com.



Guest speaker David Littlefield asks the students to think about what they see in themselves as Carter Browning, a senior from Roff (OK) High School, walked a mirror through the auditorium.



After School Art produces introspective young artists



Byng (OK) High School sophomore Courtney Parchcorn says, "I think art is important because we learn more about Chickasaw people and the way they used to live."

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities recently hosted a *Ledger Legends of the Chickasaw Journey* Art Show reception in Ada, Oklahoma.

In celebration of March being National Youth Arts Month, students of the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program (ASAP) created their own artwork for the show. Their pieces were inspired by the ledger paintings of artist Michael Horse and the Chickasaw story of the leaning pole.

Arts and Humanities Division Administrator Lona Barrick expressed the importance of ASAP in teaching youth their heritage and Chickasaw stories through the arts.

"Art is such a great way for students to express themselves," she stated. "Some of them come here and are able to find their niche and an outlet."

Barrick continued by saying the division wants to add other art forms to the program in the future including film, music, drama, photography and graphic arts.

"By offering the students more choices, they will be able to find a specific interest or can participate in several different programs," Barrick said. "It can be so enriching and spirit lifting. It can help them find real meaning in their lives."

Artists who participated in the show included:

Saela Beninati

Saela is a nine-year-old third grader at Latta. Her favorite subjects are math and physical education. Saela enjoys playing basketball and art. She would

like to be a model and movie star.

"I think art is important because it frees your mind."

Allysa Blankenship

Allysa, 10, is a fourth grader at Byng Elementary School. She likes social studies and reading. Her special interests include horses, playing outside and reading. Allysa's future goals include becoming a veterinarian and an artist.

"I like listening and painting the most about the after school arts program."

Brandon Blankenship

Brandon is 16 years old and is in the tenth grade at Byng High School. He enjoys biology and English classes. Brandon likes singing, drawing, painting and playing the piano. He wants to go college and major in marine biology.

"I think art is important because it lets you express your feelings."

Lisa Eidson

Lisa is a ninth grader at Byng Junior High School. This 15-year-old enjoys classes in civics and auto body. She enjoys drawing, watching TV and skateboarding. Lisa would like to become an art teacher.

"I like learning more about the Chickasaw culture in the after school arts program."

Hailey Evans

Hailey is nine years old and in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary. She likes art, social studies, reading and science. Hailey's special interests include horses, gardening, painting and golf. She would like to one day become a veterinarian, artist or a professional horse rider.

"I thought the ledger art and staff art project was fun and interesting."

Micah Hart

Micah is 12 years old and a sixth-grade student at Willard Elementary. He enjoys art, writing and science. His hobbies include playing the trumpet, writing, drawing and video games. Micah would like to be a horror movie director.

"I liked the ledger art because it tells a story and with the clan project I was able to learn more about my culture."

Desiree Kirk

Desiree, 13, is in the seventh grade at Byng Junior High School. Her favorite subjects are science, English and reading. Desiree enjoys swimming and basketball. Her future goal is to be a clothing designer.

"I think the after school arts program is fun."

Quannah Lindsey

Quannah is in the seventh grade at Byng Junior High School. This 13-year-old enjoys math, reading and science. He enjoys tennis and playing golf. Quannah's future goals include becoming a pilot.

"The after school arts program is very fun and lets you express what you feel like."

Sequoyah Lindsey

Sequoyah, 11, is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School. He likes math and enjoys playing football. In fact, Sequoyah would like to be an NFL football player.

"I think art is important because art is whatever you want it to be."

Addison Manning

Addison is in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary School. This 11-year-old likes math and English. She enjoys shopping and drawing. Addison's future goals are to be an artist or a veterinarian.

"What I liked about the ledger art and staff art project was that it gave me a chance to learn about my ancestors."

Courtney Parchcorn

Courtney, 16, is in the tenth grade at Byng High School. She likes English and band. Special interests include beadwork, singing, dancing and drawing cartoons. One day Courtney would like to attend the Institute of American Indian Arts and

become a writer.

"I think art is important because we learn more about Chickasaw people and the way they used to live."

Dava Sanders

Dava is an 11 year old student in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary School. She enjoys English literature. Her hobbies include writing stories, singing, drama and drawing. One day Dava would like to be a writer, lawyer or an actress.

"I think art is important because it's very interesting the way each drawing symbolizes something different."

Autumn Underwood

Autumn is in the fifth grade at Homer Elementary School. The 11-year-old likes science. Her special hobby is drawing. One day Autumn would like to be a forensic scientist.

"I think art is important because it shows me my heritage."

Riley Walker

Riley, 14, is in the seventh grade at Byng Junior High School. He likes math. Riley's special interest is playing basketball. One day he would like to graduate from college.

"I like drawing the most about the after school arts program."

Ryan Walker

Ryan is in the ninth grade at Byng Junior High School. The 16-year-old enjoys tennis and math. Special interests include drawing, playing tennis and playing the piano. One day Ryan would like to get a degree and become an artist and a great musician.

"I think art is important because it is an expression."

Nikki Weems

Nikki is a nine years old third grader at Homer Elementary School. She likes to take math in school. Her special interests include reading. Her future goal is to become a teacher.

"I like the after school arts program because I like to draw."

Sierra Worcester

Sierra, 13, is in the seventh grade at Byng Jr. High School. Her favorite subject is art. Sierra enjoys drawing and watching anime. Her future goals are to be a cartoonist or a famous artist.

"We do a lot of fun activities and get to make neat-looking things with our own designs."

For more information about ASAP or other arts programs, call (580) 332-1092.

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Dava Sanders, fifth grade student at Latta Elementary, displays her ledger painting and sculpted staff that she created at the Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program.

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in Johnston County more than 30 years and it's always been called Hughes Crossing. It needs to be marked so people will know why it's called Hughes Crossing. So generations on past us will know why it's important.

"(The Chickasaw Nation) has done a good job of preserving their history and that was part of their history and I felt like we needed to go ahead and do it while we had the opportunity."

Linda (Hughes) Sweat expressed appreciation to the Wildlife Commission when

the resolution was passed.

"What a grand way for our family's name to finally be recognized and our heritage marked in Oklahoma and Chickasaw history! After all, everyone in Johnston County and lots of people across the nation who are acquainted with Blue River do know it unofficially as 'Hughes Crossing,'" said Mrs. Sweat, who is the granddaughter of Mamie and Austin Hughes.

Another granddaughter, Betty Kemp, said "keeping the Hughes Crossing name was a dream of the family ever since

the hunting and fishing area was established."

The area around Hughes Crossing is still known as a prime hunting and fishing area. There are more than 70 campsites located near the crossing, and the area attracts a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts, from hunters and fisherman to campers and day visitors.

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Tribute to Blue River's Hughes Crossing

In early June in the summer of 1979 the Chickasaw family of Hughes and Cravatts gathers on Sunday afternoon at the home place, the family allotment along the Blue River a few miles outside of the old Chickasaw Nation's capital at Tishomingo. Drawn together for a celebration, they honor the matriarchs of this large and scattered family. More than two hundred descendants have come home in large mobile vans and small imported cars. They range in age from almost ninety years to less than nine weeks, from dark full blood to light-blond mixed bloods.

Perhaps most striking to a visitor are two large yellow John Deere cranes with which the dozens of picnic tables are being raised and then lowered into place. One understands from this display why the Chickasaws and their neighbors the Choctaws were the great aboriginal entrepreneurs, the traders of the Southeast. Fresh catfish caught from the Blue River is fried on portable butane burners in great black kettles, while a full-blood cousin cooks the traditional pah-sofa of corn and pork on a wood fire in the ancient kettle which some say has been used for such gatherings for at least a hundred years. Sitting on the tables are rows of dishes of home-cooked foods.

A carload of Indian men goes back to town because someone forgot the cornmeal. A group of young girls whispers secrets

while a gang of little boys runs up and down the bank determined to find poison ivy. Almost everyone comes to the trailer to admire the new twins, the latest addition to the latest generation of this Chickasaw family. The women gather in little groups and prepare gifts to be exchanged and tell stories of indiscretions, some dating from statehood.

After the gift giving and the speechmaking, the crying and the laughing over shared memories, there is the saying of grace by three Indian ministers in two languages. Then there is the eating. Next there is the singing of hymns in Chickasaw, in Choctaw, and in English. And then the napping and more eating. And swimming in the river. And more gossip. And more tears. And finally, laughter and an agreement to return soon as a family to this Chickasaw home on the Blue River.

A sense of place and purpose, of permanence beyond mobile vans and foreign cars, permeates Indian celebrations such as this Chickasaw reunion at Blue River. In a statement delivered before the feast, Charles Blackwell, a great-grandson of the Chickasaw woman who founded this dynasty, expressed not only the Chickasaw sentiment but also the attitude of most other Oklahoma Indians:

It is fitting and natural that we return here to his place-this Blue River-to celebrate as a family. These riverbanks have known

the happiness of new babies, the suffering of passing generations, the excitement of thriving enterprise and the laughter and love of a great family.

From this place we have learned to love; to love the sweet smell of the air after a summer thunderstorm; we have learned to love the evening time call of the whip-poor-will; to love the early morning smell of a wood fire.

This family home has given us the strength of a husband and a father, the love and tenderness of a young Chickasaw mother, and the unity, which comes between caring brothers and sisters and their descendants.

We are fortunate in these gifts. From this place we have been given a proud Indian heritage blended with the enthusiastic courage of the new pioneer. From allotted home places such as this, our tribes, our state, and our Nation have grown strong.

Wherever the circumstances of time and necessity may take us, this place will always be ours. So, whether we return here in reality or only in our hearts and dreams, we will always gather strength from these tall cedars, these granite rocks, and this our Blue River.

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Special Diabetes Prevention Program discussed at OKC Metro Council

Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Program Manager Bobby Saunkeah, RN, CDE, and Physical Activity Lifestyle Specialist Wade Boyles visited the Oklahoma City Community Council meeting in March to share information about the Chickasaw Nation Special Diabetes Prevention Program (SDPP) with citizens in the area.

The SDPP was developed through a grant provided by Special Diabetes Programs for Indians and is designed to help prevent or delay type 2 diabetes in high-risk persons who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Approximately 17% of Chickasaw citizens have diabetes, and according to statistics, the numbers have grown each year.

"The epidemic of type 2 diabetes in Indian people is growing fastest among young children," Saunkeah stated.

"These children could start developing the devastating complications of diabetes such as blindness, kidney failure and amputations before they're even 20 years old," he said.

Saunkeah and Boyles conducted blood sugar screenings for interested citizens and explained the benefits of the program. The program is based on scientific research proving that losing 7% of body weight and performing moderate exercise, such as walking for 30 minutes

five times a week, is effective in preventing type 2 diabetes.

As a lifestyle specialist, Boyles helps those who sign up for the program by providing nutrition education and encouraging participants throughout the program.

American Indians over the age of 18 who have been diagnosed or believe they may have pre-diabetes can volunteer for the prevention program. It includes classes on healthier eating and physical activity, health monitoring and is intended to educate and motivate participants.

The program is currently offered in areas surrounding Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Sulphur, Tishomingo and Oklahoma City. Saunkeah hopes to expand the program to areas where citizens are interested in participating.

To find out more about the program, call 1-800-851-9136 and the extension below to speak to a lifestyle specialist in your area.

Ada – Martha Eck at the Diabetes Care Center, ext. 82266

Ardmore – Nola Runyan at the Ardmore Wellness Center, ext. 82262

Purcell/OKC – Wade Boyles at the Purcell Health Clinic, ext. 82271

Sulphur/Tish – Teeoti Littlefield at the Sulphur Area Office, (580) 622-2888 ext. 20

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Chickasaw Nation Physical Activity Lifestyle Specialist Wade Boyles administers a blood sugar test on Oklahoma City Community Council member Becky Meyers. Boyles visited the council meeting to provide information about the Chickasaw Nation Special Diabetes Prevention Program.

Volume on pre-Removal Chickasaw experience lauds tribe

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Very few books on pre-removal Chickasaw history have ever been published. The two most recent until now are Arrell Gibson's *The Chickasaws* (1971) and James Atkinson's *Splendid Land, Splendid People* (2004). That's a thirty-three year interval. But now, scarcely a year after Atkinson's book was published, a new book has appeared, *The Early Chickasaws, Profile of Courage*.

Although it covers the same time span as Atkinson's book and the first two-thirds of Gibson's, the new book is a much more modest offering and should not be compared with either of them.

Gibson was a distinguished University of Oklahoma historian whose book was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Atkinson's volume, years in the making, is more a reference book than a narrative history. His story of the Chickasaws often gets buried among all the details contained in the voluminous correspondence cited by the author.

This new book is, in some ways, the opposite of Atkinson's book. Scanning his endnotes, it looks like the author, Fulsom Charles Scrivner, gathered up two armloads of books and began writing. Such meager sources covering a subject that ranges from pre-history to the Chickasaws' removal treaty of 1832, make the book seem like it may have started as a college paper, which kept getting longer and longer.

That doesn't make it a bad book, just that its contribution to scholarship is very limited. For the endnotes also reveal that Mr. Scrivner has written an account without surveying the field of recent publications or using many of the major sources of information. (Not even Arrell Gibson's book is cited in the notes.) By doing it this way, Scrivner not only didn't break any new ground, he also sacrificed any chance that his manuscript would be published by a university press or some other publisher of scholarly works.

Perhaps that was never his goal. According to the book's back cover, he is a retired mis-

sionary and school superintendent who lives in Idaho. His only other related publication is a children's story on the early Chickasaws titled *The Golden Cities of Cibola*.

Why should we care which company published his book? Because students of Chickasaw history want book-length manuscripts especially to be reviewed critically by people well versed in the subject. We can't trust that Scrivner's text received this attention because his publisher is Vantage Press, a vanity publisher.

That means the company publishes an author's work provided he or she is willing to pay for production costs, including copyediting, layout and design and printing. Scrivner's book could have and should have included a bibliography and index, but he didn't provide them--to the readers' detriment. But the biggest problem of doing business with a vanity press is that such a company doesn't subject the manuscript to review by reputable authorities in the field prior to accepting it for publication. Basically the author can write whatever he or she wants provided it's not libelous or slanderous.

That doesn't mean that Scrivner could not have had his manuscript scrutinized by experienced reviewers. If that were the case, he could have told us so in an introduction or his acknowledgements. But because the book lacks both, we don't know who, if anyone, reviewed the manuscript.

We also don't learn via an introduction what the book is about and why Scrivner wrote it. This is an important omission to readers who want to know quickly and concisely if an author's book may be worth their time and money. That's a big mistake in these days when readers have so many information and entertainment options.

The blurb on the back cover reveals two of Scrivner's biases that are important to know. He says that the Chickasaws migrated across the Bering Strait into the Americas. This is in keeping with a long-standing theory about the origin of American Indians that has been increasingly questioned in recent years by

archaeologists and tribal members. Yet, Scrivner reports it as fact; he can get away with it because he evidently did not have an experienced content editor or an authoritative reviewer.

Lacking the help and guidance that all historical chroniclers need, Scrivner makes too many unsupported statements of fact. For example, he wrote that the Chickasaws separated from the Choctaws because "of some practices that they did not like." In fact, both tribes have versions that account for the separation.

For another example, Scrivner wrote that Bienville's plans for attacking the Chickasaws at Ackia were six years in the making. Six years of planning and presumably obsessing makes Bienville look almost like a cartoon villain. Actually, according to his correspondence, the French governor's plan of attack was made less than a year before the battle of Ackia in May of 1736.

Scrivner's second bias on the book's cover appears in his description of Chickasaws as "handsome, valiant, dependable, and industrious." While I would not contradict such laudatory terminology, it serves to alert readers that the author probably has not presented an objective history.

To his credit, Scrivner does provide endnotes after each of the book's 11 chapters. His first two chapters are similar to Gibson's first chapter in that they cover Chickasaw culture prior to European contact. But Scrivner makes the same mistake as Gibson by not citing any of the available archaeological studies. In fact, many more of these studies were available to Scrivner than Gibson, who did cite some of them from the 1930s. Scrivner does cite famed ethnologist John Swanton, but the study he cites is much less specific and relevant to the tribe than Swanton's famed study on Chickasaw social and religious beliefs and usages.

The next four chapters deal with the tribe's contact and relations with the encroaching European colonials, the Spanish, English and French. In these chapters, the sources that are not listed say as much about the book as the sources that do appear. Scrivner's main source

for his information on Chickasaw-French relations is James Malone, whose 1922 book, *The Chickasaw Nation*, fortunately has been out of print for years. It is liberally sprinkled with misleading, unsupportable and untrue statements. Conspicuously missing from these endnotes, among others, are references to copies of the original French correspondence contained in the multi-volume set, *Mississippi Provincial Archives, French Dominion*.

The last two-fifths of the book are contained in five chapters dealing with Chickasaw-American relations through 1832. The very first sentence of this portion, "The Chickasaw played no role in Revolutionary War" would be news to James Colbert and his followers. If Scrivner had finished the sentence with "on the side of the Americans" he would have been correct. These Chickasaws under Colbert did participate on the British side in at least two battles, and harassed American and Spanish shipping on the rivers during the war.

Scrivner's two main information sources for chapters 7-9 are R.S. Cotterill, who wrote his book on the Southern Indians in 1954 and S.C. Williams who

wrote histories of Tennessee in the 1930s. While both men were distinguished historians, Scrivner, by using their books almost exclusively, has virtually adopted their interpretation of events instead of formulating his own by reviewing and analyzing records collected in the American State Papers.

For the Chickasaw land cessions to the U.S. from 1816 to 1832, Scrivner basically used one source, an article by Choctaw historian Muriel Wright. As he notes: "The writer considers Wright's article in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* the best presentation of these treaties, therefore, for historical reasons, have used the article extensively in this history of the Chickasaws."

This would be a remarkable statement for a historian, who reviews all pertinent sources to write a narrative, not to select the one he or she considers best. But Mr. Scrivner is not an historian; using several venerable old history and reference books as sources, he wrote a flattering account of his favorite Indian tribe. It's my responsibility, as tribal historian, to point out that the book's important omissions limit its value to persons interested in Chickasaw history.

Chikashsha anompa

What do you want?	Nanta chi banna?		
I want	_____sa banna		
Pass me the	_____ampila chi, amah.		
Would you like	_____chi banna ta?		
Thank you!	Chokmashki!		
Is it good?	Chokma ta?		
To have dinner	Tabookoli impa		
To have supper	Okbiya impa		
To have breakfast	Nittaki impa		
I will see you	Chi pisa la cho		
You must come back	Ishlashki		
I love you	Chi hollo'li		
knife	bashpo		
cup	isht ishko/istikaffa		
fork	chokfak		
spoon	folosh		
beans	bala		
fried chicken	akanka awaalhahli		
potatoes	ahi	corn bread	tashfolowa
corn	tanchi	salt	hapi
bacon	nipi oshobohli	black pepper	homa losa
eggs	akankoshi	flour	tili'ko
fish	nani	cornmeal	tashposhi
beef	waaka nipi	milk	pishokchi
bread	paska	water	oka

Chickasaw legend Te Ata on the Chautauqua circuit, 1919

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Author's Note: Mary Frances Thompson was born near Emet in the Chickasaw Nation in 1895. As the performance artist Te Ata, this Chickasaw woman became America's premier interpreter of Indian folklore. Her earliest experience in collecting a repertoire and crafting her art was gained on a summer Chautauqua circuit. The following article reflects of those experiences. It is an excerpt from the biography, Te Ata, Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure.

As she was about to graduate from the Oklahoma College for Women, Te Ata fretted about a possible confrontation with her father about her future. She knew that he expected her to be a teacher. During the first two or three years of college, she probably assumed she would follow in her beloved teacher's footsteps. But whatever Miss Francis Davis might have thought about Te Ata's teaching potential, she made it clear that she believed Te Ata had the makings of an exceptional performing artist.

What Te Ata wanted to do was travel that summer on a Chautauqua circuit. Traveling Chautauquas sprang from a Methodist-Episcopal movement in the 1870s that provided secular and religious education. Eight-week institutes were held at Lake Chautauqua, New York; they featured lectures by artists, authors, politicians and scientists, as well as entertainment. Soon after the turn of the century, traveling Chautauquas were organized by commercial lecture bureaus with tent shows moving from town to town.

During the summer before her senior year, she had met Thurlow Lieurance (Loo-RANCE), the chairman of the music department at the University of Nebraska. He was in charge of the Chautauqua that was traveling through Oklahoma. When the troupe was in Sulphur, Miss Davis's mother, affectionately called Mother McClure, paid a visit to Lieurance to tell him about "this marvelously talented" Indian girl named Mary Thompson. When Lieurance was in Tishomingo, he audi-

tioned Te Ata between the afternoon and evening performances. Lieurance was impressed; he said he had been wanting "an Indian act" for the next summer and thought he could build one around her. He said he would be in touch. Te Ata ran home and broke the good news to her parents, who were not pleased. Her father, Thomas Thompson, said, "This going on stage is no life for you." This sentiment was echoed by her mother, Bertie. Te Ata let the matter drop.

But in March 1919, Lieurance wrote to Te Ata, offering her a part in the Chautauqua company at \$35 per week plus transportation expenses. She would need to be in Lincoln, Nebraska, for ten days of rehearsal prior to setting out with the other Indian people in the company. The date she was expected fell immediately after her college graduation. She would not even have time to return to the family's home in Tishomingo. Te Ata responded with several questions but apparently everything got worked out; she accepted the offer at least provisionally before seeking her parents' permission.

Mr. Thompson showed up for his daughter's graduation wearing a suit coat and necktie, the first time Te Ata had ever seen him dressed so formally. Initially, he looked solemn and uncomfortable. But he loosened up when he met Miss Davis and Mother McClure. They bubbled on about Te Ata's impending Chautauqua tour, and to her immense relief, Mr. Thompson told the ladies that his daughter "had to make up her own mind and live her own life." Bertie must have prepared him. He added that he took comfort in his daughter's shyness since he was sure she would not talk to strangers. At the end of the day, the Thompsons returned to Tishomingo without Te Ata, who stayed on until it was time to leave for Lincoln. She was seen off by Miss Davis who reminded her again that she was to be her teaching assistant in the fall. At that moment, autumn must have seemed like a lifetime away.

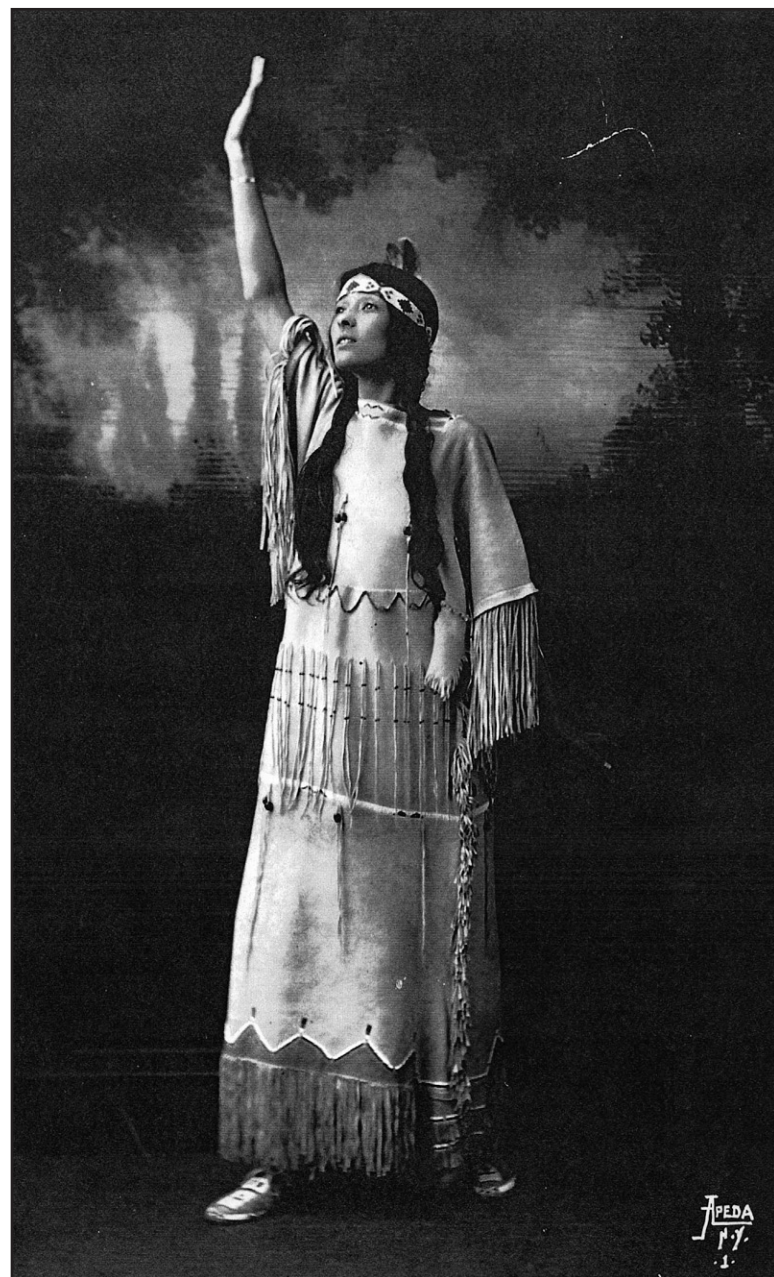
Thurlow Lieurance met Te Ata's train in Lincoln. He combined extensive musical training with a high degree of personal

enthusiasm and ambition and a "mission to make the art and music of Indians understood by white Americans." By the time he met Te Ata, he had arranged for several of his Indian protégés to perform on the Chautauqua circuit and on concert stages. The most renown up to that time was Watahwasso, a mezzo-soprano, who had toured with Lieurance, performing his compositions, such as his signature piece, *By the Waters of Minnetonka*, which was inspired by a Sioux love song recorded by Lieurance in 1911 on the Crow Reservation in Montana.

Since 1895, the year of Te Ata's birth, Lieurance had been recording and collecting Indian melodies. He had a talent for gaining the confidence and trust of his Indian informants. In 1920, he wrote he had enough melodies to furnish hundreds of themes to interested composers and musicians.

While still at the train station, Lieurance surprised Te Ata with the news that she would be her group's leader. Since Lieurance provided no job description, and Te Ata, as usual, would not be so forward as to ask for details face-to-face, the responsibilities were somewhat fluid. Then,

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Te Ata

Breastfeeding counselor enjoys helping moms, babies

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established by the Chickasaw Nation to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer Counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas including Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell.

Julie Boyd began working as a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor in October of 2005 serving mothers and children in the Ardmore and Tishomingo areas. She is very passionate about her duties as a peer counselor.

"I was very excited to get this opportunity because the benefits of breastfeeding are something I strongly believe in," she stated. "I breastfed all three

of my children and have helped friends through breastfeeding challenges. The best thing about what I do is that I have a career doing something that I would have done for free, just to help mothers and babies!"

Boyd and her husband Nathan have three children, Zachary, 6, Tyler, 4 and Allison, 2. The Boyd family will also be welcoming another baby girl in July.

The peer counselor program's goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The program also has a board certified Lactation Consultant, Debra Cox. Cox coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties



Julie Boyd

establishing breastfeeding.

For help and support in the area of breastfeeding, call (580) 399-2002 or (580) 310-6420, or contact the toll free breastfeeding warm line at (888) 439-8970.

Tishomingo seniors enjoy projects, programs and time together

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Quilting bees and web surfing. Jigsaw puzzles and road trips. Rocking chairs and pedometers.

These may seem like some unlikely combinations, but they are all likely to be found at the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Senior Site.



Tishomingo Senior Site member Sadie Hearrell spends time quilting in the site activity room. Expansions are being planned for the site to allow more room for quilting and other popular activities.

In a town that all Chickasaws once called home, these seniors have found a new home at this little spot on West Ray Branum Road, just blocks from the old capitol building.

Friends gather here to eat a hot lunch, share hobbies and mostly enjoy each other's company.

"I just love the people here," says Waukera Hanlin who travels to the site from Milburn. "I get a lot of enjoyment and pleasure from being here."

Hanlin is also one of the many who has taken advantage of weekly computer classes and internet access at the site. Several will arrive early so they have time to check their email before lunch.

"I think the computer program is one of the best things they've done for seniors," stated site member Lottie Routzong. "I use it to find recipes and craft projects, and our instructor is the best."

The instructor is Lawana Dansby, coordinator of adult learning for the education services division. She visits the site every Monday.

"I love the seniors," she stated. "They are so enthusiastic and dedicated. They have accomplished so much. They inspire me to stay active at any age."

Staying active is not a prob-

lem for the Tishomingo seniors. When they aren't online, these seniors can be found quilting, making crafts, participating in the REACH and Moccasin Trail fitness programs, shopping, fund raising and traveling cross-country.

Some members of the group are taking a trip at the end of the month to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Gathering of the Nations Powwow.

"I really enjoy the trips," said site member Hiawatha Reed. Reed and Routzong, sisters from Troy and Mill Creek respectively, ride the transportation van to the site three days a week.

"We get to use the tribe's buses when we travel. They are real nice," Mrs. Reed stated. "My sister and I take every trip we can."

Site manager Christine Sanders says the site has grown a lot over the past year.

"This is just a great group of people," she stated. "We have a lot that stay involved and join in."

Edna Baken, a senior who works part-time at the site, says there are a lot of things for seniors to do like volunteering, fundraisers, day trips and more, but says what she enjoys most is "fellowshipping with other seniors."

It appears all the seniors in Tishomingo enjoy themselves while at the site. So whether it's a needle and thread in hand or a keyboard, the combination seems to be one that will keep these seniors coming back for more.



Edna Baken helps serve lunch to site member Jerry Underwood while Site Manager Christine Sanders prepares the next tray. Mrs. Baken works part-time at the Tishomingo Senior Site.



Mill Creek resident Lottie Routzong has been a Tishomingo Senior Site member for 11 years. Recently she began taking computer classes at the site and now uses the internet to search for recipes and craft projects.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Tishomingo Senior Site member Waukera Hanlin has her blood pressure checked by Michael West. West is with the Moccasin Trail Program which encourages and motivates citizens to exercise and stay active.

Southeastern Art Show & Market Oct. 5-7

Southeastern and Woodlands tribal artists from around the world have an exciting opportunity this fall to promote and sell their creative works at the 2006 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation during its 46th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, the juried art show and market will be conducted Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 5-7, on the tribe's historic capitol grounds.

"Last year's inaugural Southeastern Art Show and Market was an outstanding success with

incredible talent," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "The art show and market is an important part of our rich celebration of the culture of the Chickasaw people."

Artists and artisans from any Southeastern or Woodlands tribe are encouraged to submit their best works in two-dimensional and three-dimensional categories, up to two works per category and up to a total of four entries. Selected participants will compete for medals and cash prizes in each category along with best in show.

"We're excited to provide an art competition and market showcasing the talents of tradi-

tional and contemporary Native American artists," said Lona Barrick, Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities Administrator.

Artworks will be judged Thursday morning, Oct. 5, and displayed with any additional works for sale during the show and market.

Applications and additional information may be found on the Chickasaw Nation web site at www.chickasaw.net. For questions, contact SEASAM chairperson Trina Jones by calling (580) 332-1092, or by email at trina.jones@chickasaw.net.

Christopher Garrett Morgan

Christopher Garrett Morgan is the 15-month-old son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Shelby and Gayle Morgan and Buddy Tartsah. He is the great-grandson of Leonard and Marie Morgan, the late Gladys Cravatt Greenwood, the late Lewis Sweet, and Imogene McPhetridge. He is the nephew of Rachael Tartsah, Marcus Tartsah and Stacy Morgan.

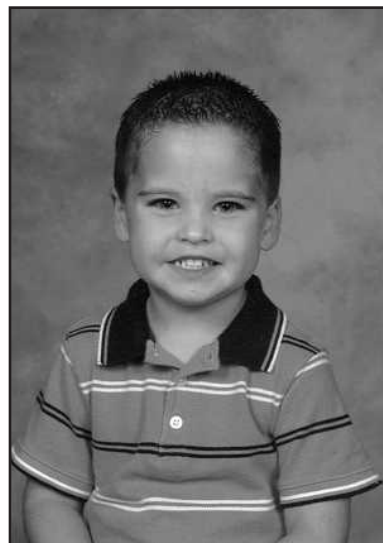
He is our pride and joy because he is a blessing from Heaven. He is full of energy and happiness. He makes us laugh with all the new things he is learning. He loves playing with basketballs and musical instruments. We love him very much and thank the Lord for blessing us with him.



Benjamin Lee Gold

Benjamin Lee Gold, 4, is the son of Billy Jack and Starla Gold. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Gwenda and Harold DePasse and Donna Linton.

He is our pride and joy because he makes us laugh and brings us so much happiness. He is a blessing from Heaven and we love him very much. Ben has so much energy and loves drag racing, bull riding and the Dukes of Hazard. He likes helping his dad and papa work on their drag cars.



Nacobi Chantau Walker

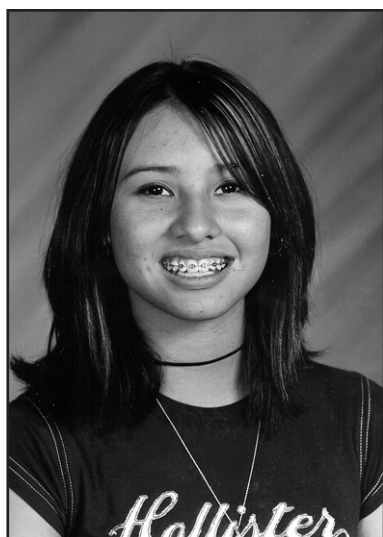
Nacobi Chantau Walker is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis and Bob and Sally Graham. She is the great-granddaughter of Myrtle Brown, Pauline Walker and Patsy Horton.

Nacobi is our pride and joy because she is such a compassionate, pretty and talented young woman. She is fourteen years old, and in the eighth grade at Ada Junior High School where she is vice-president of the Technology Student Association. She enjoys dancing, swimming, golf and working on the computer. She is very thoughtful and puts the feelings of others before herself.

Nacobi is quite an accomplished dancer in ballet, jazz and hip hop. She began dancing at Central Oklahoma Dance Center when she was three, and continues to amaze us with her ability. She aspires to be a professional dancer someday.

Nacobi also loves the Lord very much, and dedicated her life to Him four years ago. She has such a sincere heart that we know He has wonderful plans in store for her!

We love you, Nacobi! You are such a blessing, and very special to all of us!



Dylan Matthew Walker

Dylan Matthew Walker is the son of Darrell and Johnna Walker. He is the grandson of JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis and Bob and Sally Graham. He is the great-grandson of Myrtle Brown, Pauline Walker and Patsy Horton.

Dylan is our pride and joy because he is a sweet, gentle and kind little boy. He is seven years old and in the first grade at Hayes Elementary School in Ada. He has been selected as the Student of the Week twice this year: August 29, 2005 and February 6, 2006.

Dylan loves swimming, basketball, tetherball and playing with his GameCube. He is so quick to learn, can write his name in cursive and read quite well. He is also a very speedy runner.

Dylan helps take up the collection each Sunday morning at Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church, and you'll hear him singing

his favorite Choctaw hymn, #48. Dylan loves Jesus very much, and is always eager to say the prayer before our meals.

We love you, Dylan! You are such a blessing, and very special to all of us!



Alexis Olivia Walker

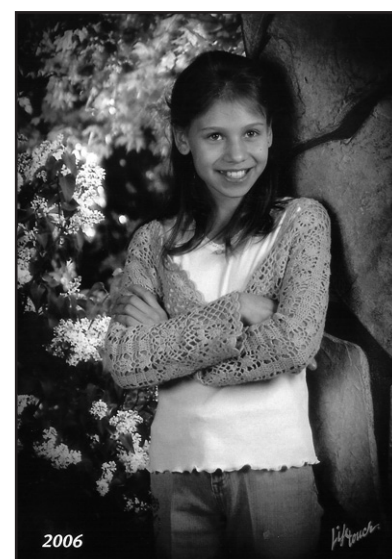
Alexis Olivia Walker is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis. She is the great-granddaughter of Myrtle Brown, Pauline Walker and Patsy Horton.

Alexis is our pride and joy because she is a smart, pretty and lovable young lady. She is nine years old and in the fourth grade at Washington Elementary School in Ada. She is a member of the Washington Honor Choir and Governor's Honor Club. She was chosen as the Student of the Week on September 1, 2005 and December 12, 2005. She was selected to illustrate the cover of the students' haiku book in Mrs. Jill Brown's reading class at school. She also won the Red Ribbon Week art contest at her school, and her entry earned Honorable Mention in the Jim Thorpe "Bright Path" Red Ribbon Art & Essay Contest.

Alexis enjoys reading, swimming, basketball, softball, tetherball and collecting rocks. She is extremely thoughtful, has an excellent memory and is so gifted athletically. She has the knowledge, strength and determination to do anything she sets her sights on.

Alexis loves Jesus very much, and tells us about the many times she has prayed for her family and friends. We are so excited about what the Lord has in store for her life!

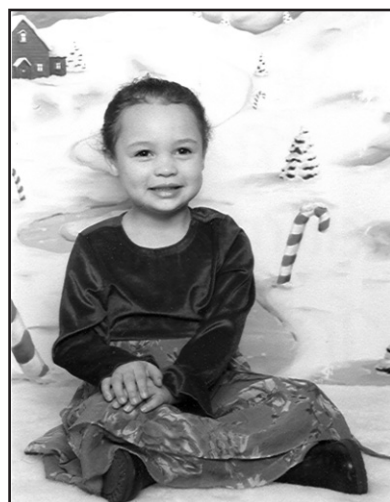
We love you, Alexis! You are such a blessing, and very special to all of us!



Stevy Reeves

Stevy Reeves, 3, is the daughter of Tanae Reeves. She is the granddaughter of Brian and Tracie Carter and the great-granddaughter of Macalyen Duke.

She is an angel. Stevy has a smile that lights up the world! She can be ornery though but we still love her!



Spencer William Gore



From the moment we saw you our expression was how precious is he.

Not a moment to soon, wrapped around his tiny fingers, we knew we would be!

We all jump to his innocent sigh,

Our "little man" doesn't even have a chance to cry.

He has the most contagious smile and cutest giggle!

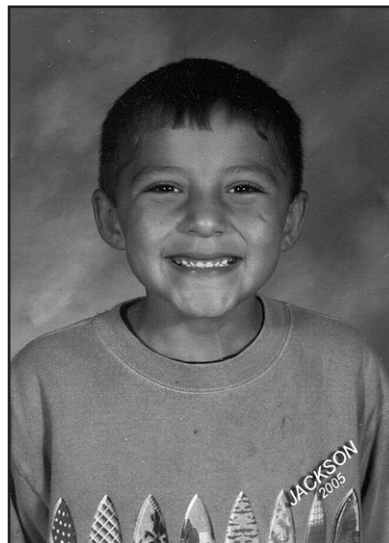
With this picture you can all adore him too!

We have been blessed with a "little guy" we like to call "Spencer Roo"

We love you!

Pukni, Aunt Chase, Chelsey, Karissa, and Uncle Bubba

Jackson Thomas Greenwood



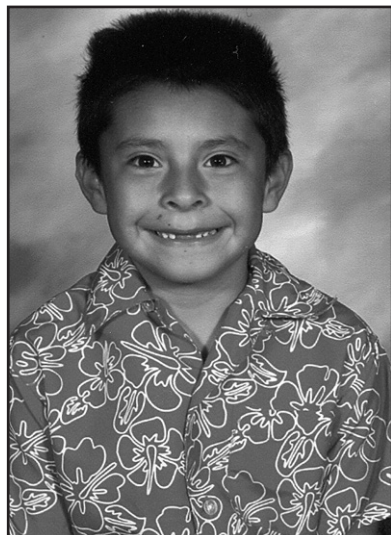
Jackson Thomas Greenwood is the son of Lynn and Dewayne Greenwood of Blanchard, Okla. He is the grandson of Geraldine Greenwood of Latta, Okla., the late Virgil Jackson Greenwood, Patricia Mills of Socorro, N.M., and Waylon Simpson, of Aurora, Colo.

Jackson is in the second grade at Blanchard Elementary. Jackson is very active in sports. He plays football, basketball, T-ball and soccer. His favorite football team is the Oklahoma Sooners. When at home he likes to ride his bike, jump on the trampoline, watch movies with his sister Livey, and his brother Kyle and just hang out with his Mom and Dad. He likes to come to Ada and visit his grandmother and his cousins and eat. Jackson is our pride and Joy because he has so much energy for life and we love him very much.

Toby Holden Catron

Toby Holden Catron is the son of Dianne and Dale Catron of Tishomingo, Okla. He is the grandson of Geraldine Greenwood, of Latta, Okla., the late Virgil Greenwood, and Phyllis Lattie, Connerville, Okla.

He is in the second grade at Tishomingo Elementary. Toby loves to play T-ball and go to the park with his sister Amenda. He likes playing outside on the trampoline and with his best friend Sierra. He likes to go to Sonic with his Mom and order his favorite food popcorn chicken and tater tots. When just hanging out at home he likes to watch movies with his Mom. Madagascar is his favorite. Toby likes to visit with his cousins Nuk and Jackson, they are best friends. Toby is our Pride and Joy because he is a kind sweet boy that we love very much.



Nukne-Isknosie Greenwood



Nukne-Isknosie Greenwood is the son of Chiefy Greenwood of Tulsa. He is the grandson of Lou Boston and the nephew of Robby Boston, Glenpool, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Geraldine Greenwood and the late Virgil Greenwood.

Nuk is our Pride and Joy because he makes our lives full of happiness. He has so much energy as he plays with his Spiderman toys and running and jumping around inside and outside. He is all boy and his favorite person is his G-ma Lou. He loves to talk about his Pa Pa Vernon and grandma Vonda. He likes to sing and dance at powwow as he is a young chicken dancer. Nuk loves to play with his cousins Lexie and Nakiah when they come to visit. Nuk is Chickasaw/Seminole.

Olivia Ann Greenwood



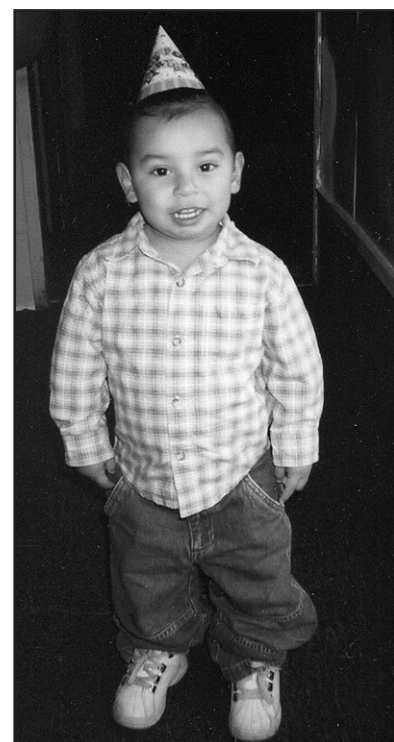
Olivia Ann Greenwood is the daughter of Lynn and Dewayne Greenwood of Blanchard, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Geraldine Greenwood of Latta, Okla., the late Virgil Greenwood, Patricia Mills of Socorro, N.M. and Waylon Simpson of Aurora, Colo.

Livey goes to the daycare in Blanchard where she like being with her friends. Some of her favorite thing are watching movies at home with her brothers Jackson and Kyle and hanging out with her Mom and Dad. She also likes playing with her cat, Peanutbutter, riding her bike, swinging on her swing and visiting her aunt Carrie and Uncle Jess in the city and shopping! She is our Pride and Joy because she is our little princess, so kind and sweet. She makes our home happy with her just being there with us. We love Olivia very much.

Hilha Mahli Herrera

Hilha Mahli (Wind Dancer) Herrera is the son of Sara Herrera of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Evelyn Battist, Coalgate, Okla., George Herrera, Tulsa, and the great-grandson of Geraldine Greenwood of Latta, Okla., and the late Virgil Greenwood.

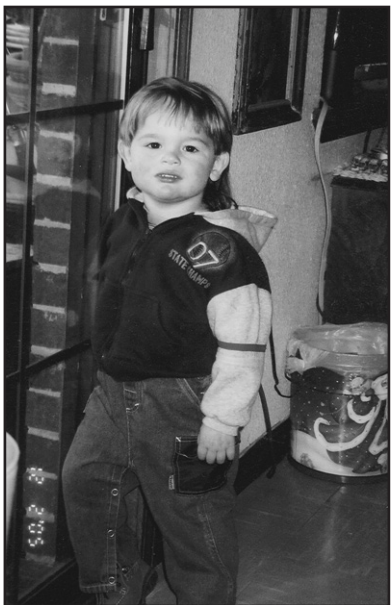
Mihli celebrated his second birthday March 3, 2006 with a Spiderman party and a trip to OKC to the Mall. Mahli has changed me since he came into my life. He is there waiting for me when I come home from work with hugs and kisses. We like spending time together and I talk to him and he talks to me. He loves to be outdoors where he can run and jump. He also likes to watch TV. Shrek and Ice Age are his favorite movies. He likes to eat bread, pringles, potatoes and eggs and loves to drink milk. He is my Pride and Joy because he is so special to me. I love him with all my heart he is my son.



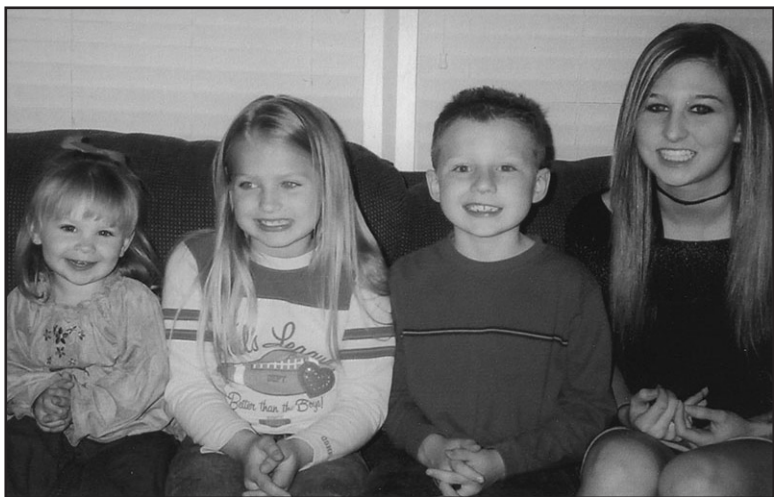
Shannon Elijha River Chapman

Shannon Elijha River Chapman is the son of Rachel Bray and the late Shannon Chapman. He is the grandson of Wanda Traylor.

There is not enough paper in the world to write down why River is our pride and joy.



Hannah Chapman, Coda Metcalf, Nyne Chapman and Layne Chapman



Hannah Chapman, Coda Metcalf, Nyne Chapman and Layne Chapman, my four grandchildren bring "pride and joy" to my life every day. Their love is the sunshine in my world. The oldest, Layne Chapman, Choctaw and Chickasaw, attends Little Axe High School where she is co-captain of the cheer team. Her brother, Nyne Chapman, Chickasaw, attends second grade at Little Axe Elementary where he excels in his classes with the highest of honors. Their little sister, Hannah Chapman, also Chickasaw, attends day-care in Norman where she enjoys coloring and learning new songs to sing to her mom and dad. Their cousin, Coda Metcalf, Chickasaw, attends first grade at Marietta Elementary where she is also an honor student. Coda enjoys playing basketball for the YMCA; is an active member of the Love County Girl Scouts; and is anticipating playing softball this summer. They are all truly my little angels and I love them more than they will ever know.

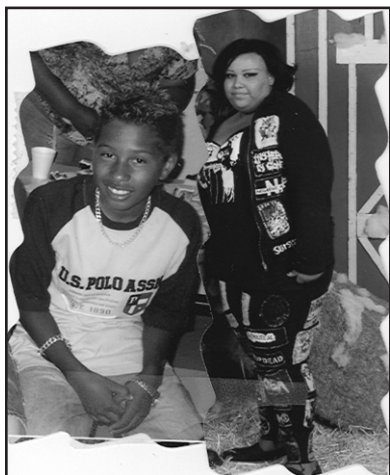
Grandmother Tanya Teafatiller

Mercedes Pipins and Donald Wands

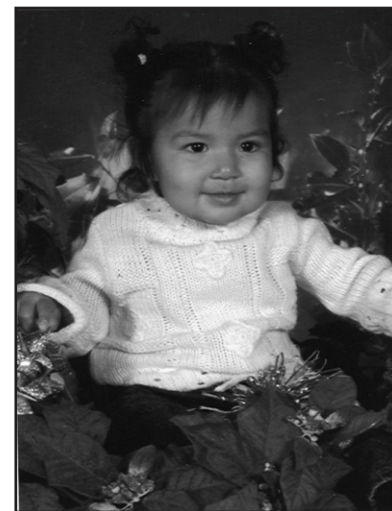
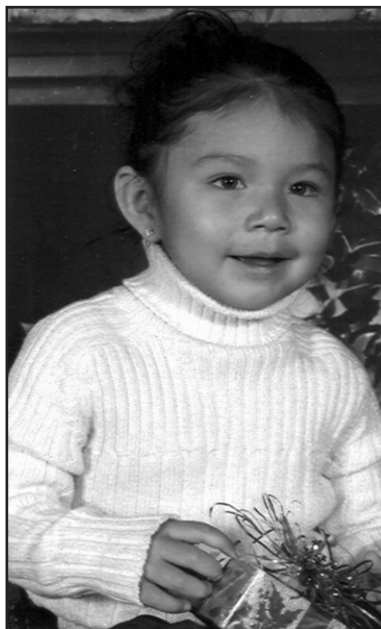
Mercedes Pipins and Donald Wands are the children of Rose Anne Pipins Wands. They are the grandchildren of Joe and Angela Pipins and great-grandchildren of Jane Pipins.

They're my children and both are so talented and very caring. They are both the greatest gift God gave me!

Love you Mercedes and DJ.



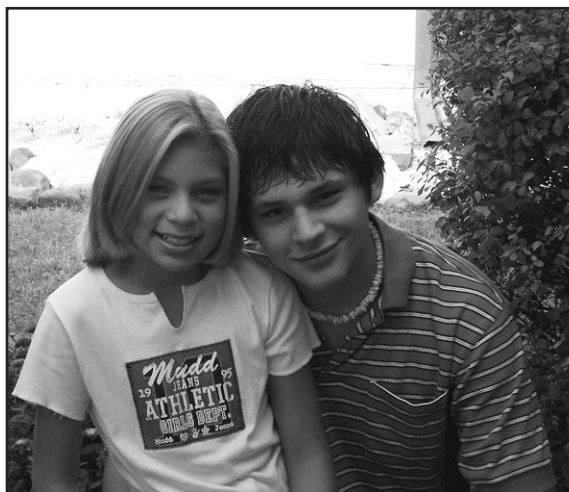
Makynlee Shyann and Cydnee Reese Miller



Makynlee Shyann Miller, 3, and Cydnee Reese Miller, 1, are the children of Rick and Sherri Miller. They are the granddaughters of Robert and Mae Hamilton and Francis Miller.

Makynlee and Cydnee are our pride and joy because of the happiness they bring into our lives each and everyday. Both have big bright smiles that light up an entire room when they walk in. Each day brings us new adventures with these two precious girls. We are truly blessed to be their parents and grandparents and thank God every minute for bringing them into our lives.

Tyler Chase and Brittney Dawn Frazier



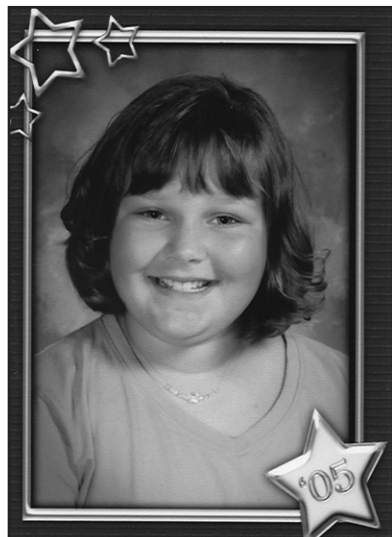
Tyler Chase Frazier, 20, and Brittney Dawn Frazier, 13, are the children of Sherri McManus and Ron Frazier. They are the grandchildren of Dean and Harrell McManus and Betty and Jeff Frazier.

I am very proud of my son and daughter. They are the light of my life. I want them to know that I love them with all my heart and could have not of picked better children. I am very proud of my son for growing up and being on his own.

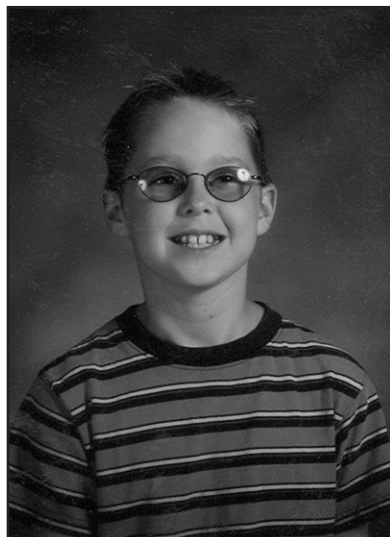
Khyzer Lee Davis and Johnathan Lee Davis



Khyzer Lee Davis, 5, and Johnathan Lee Davis, 1, are the grandchildren of Gene and Sharon Davis. Khyzer's dad was John Lee Davis. Johnathan's dad and mom are Richard and Deborah Davis. They are our grandsons and bring such sunshine into our lives. We have the honor and privilege of becoming legal guardians of Khyzer, not only will we be grandparents to both boys, but we are blessed to watch both boys grow up together. God has blessed us with the opportunity to watch another generation grow up.

Allison
Jovanovic

Dylan Pich



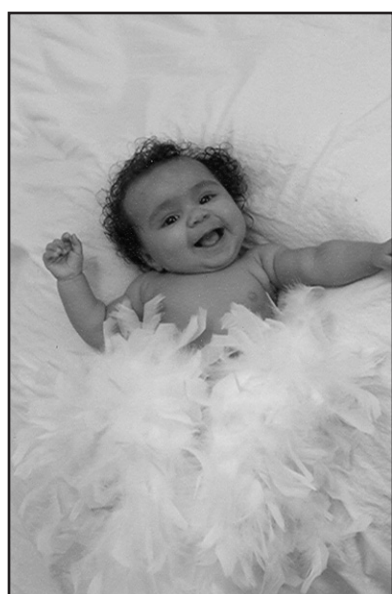
Allison Jovanovic, Dylan Pich, Amber Pich and Sydney Pich, these four wonderful children are our nieces and nephew. They are the grandkids of Clyde and Sandra Pich. They are smart, fun, and full of life. They are respectful and kind. Because of this they are our pride and joy.

Paula and Duane Hanneken.

Amber Pich



Sydney Pich

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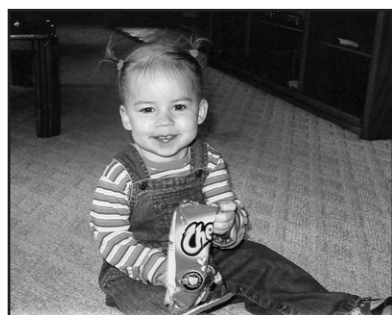
Devon Grace Hanneken, 4 months, is the daughter of Duane and Paula Hanneken. She is the granddaughter of Clyde and Sandy Pich, Don and Linda Hanneken.

She is our pride and joy! We love her so much and are so proud to have her. She is our angel and we are truly blessed. Thank you Lord and thank you Dad and Mom.

Hunter Michael
Von Tungeln

Hunter Michael Von Tungeln, 5 months, is the son of John and Joyce Von Tungeln. He is the grandson of Michael and Connie Von Tungeln.

Michael Von Tungeln of Waipahu, Hawaii, poses with his father and Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle. Hunter Michael, named for his grandfather Michael, is the great-grandson of the late Chickasaw Charline Penner Von Tungeln. His aunt Amy Von Tungeln is the Education Specialist for the Chickasaw Council House Museum.

Brittney
Nicole
Conway

Brittney Nicole Conway is the daughter of Jim and Linda Conway. She is the granddaughter of Don and Peggy Prather, Frank and Gloria Baumgartner and James and Bettie Conway.

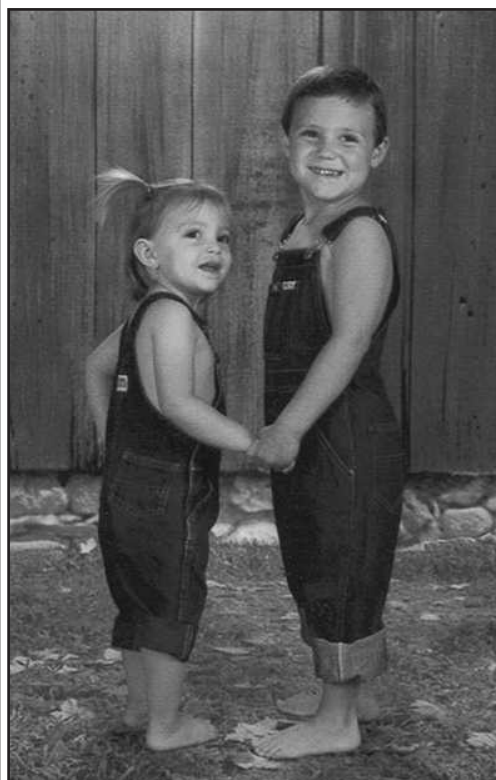
Brittney is our pride and joy because she brings laughter to our lives and gives your heart the biggest lift. She's the source of so much joy, she's our family's precious gift. Watching Brittney grow has added pride and joy to life in so many ways. She is the apple of our eyes and the sunshine of our lives, she is and will always be our precious little princess and our pride and joy.

We love you Brittney,
Dad, Mom

Grandma Peggy and Grandpa Don

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren
of Verlayne O'Meara

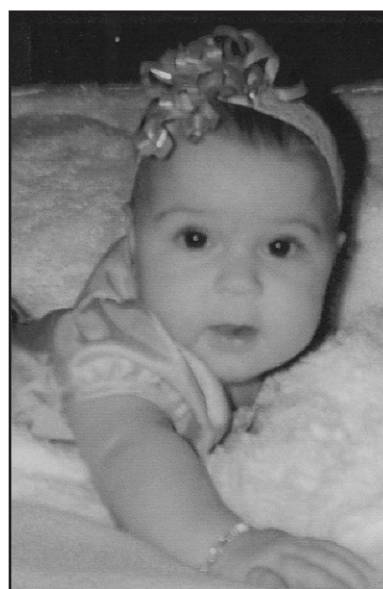
Verlayne O'Meara's pride and joy are her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Blayden and Kaylee Foster

Blayden and Kaylee Foster are the children of Jason and Cristina Foster. They are the grandchildren of Rick and Jo Johnson and the great-grandchildren of Ralph and Joann Darter.

These children are our pride and joy because they have shown us what life is really about.



Emaleigh Renae Parks

Emaleigh Renae Parks is the daughter of Justin and Dede Parks. She is the granddaughter of Rick and Jo Johnson and the great-granddaughter of Ralph and JoAnn Darter.

She has shown us what life is all about.



John "Trey" Dale Grizzle, III

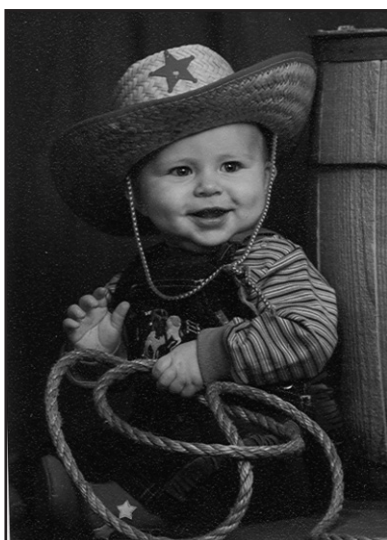
John "Trey" Dale Grizzle, III, is the son of John and Kathleen Grizzle. He is the grandson of Sonja Grizzle and the great-grandson of Josephine Belvin. He has a sister, Jennifer and a brother, Luke.

Trey is our second child, first born son and we are very proud of him. Trey is very bright, loving, kind and adds the spice to life. He is the salt in our family.

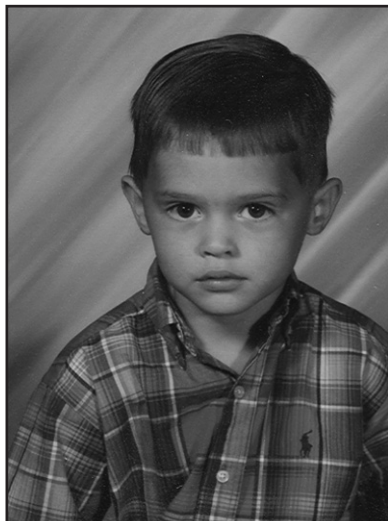
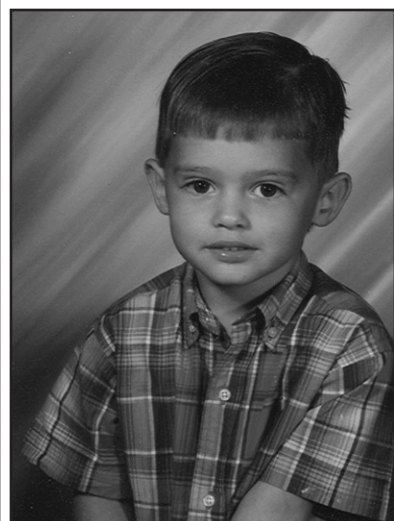
Luke Michael Grizzle

Luke Michael Grizzle is the son of John and Kathleen Grizzle. He is the grandson of Sonja Grizzle and the great-grandson of Josephine Belvin. He has a sister Jennifer and a brother Trey.

Luke Michael is our third child and we are proud of him for his loving nature, smiles and kisses. He is named appropriately as "The Bringer of Light"



Slade Christopher and Chase Jacob Skinner



Chase Jacob Skinner and Slade Christopher Skinner are the sons of Jo Anne and Michael Skinner. They are the grandsons of Sharlyn and Pete Foyil and the great-grandsons of Ruby and Leonard Heald.

They bring smiles to our faces. They are identical twins and change clothes and we do not know which is Chase or Slade. They are so active and all boy. They follow their daddy and try to do everything he does and want to help him do everything.



Jennifer Renee Grizzle

Jennifer Renee Grizzle is the daughter of John and Kathleen Grizzle. She is the granddaughter of Sonja Grizzle and the great-granddaughter of Josephine Belvin. She has two brothers, Trey and Luke.

Jennifer is our first born and has great leadership skills at her early age (8). She is kind, generous and has a heart of gold. We are so proud of her!

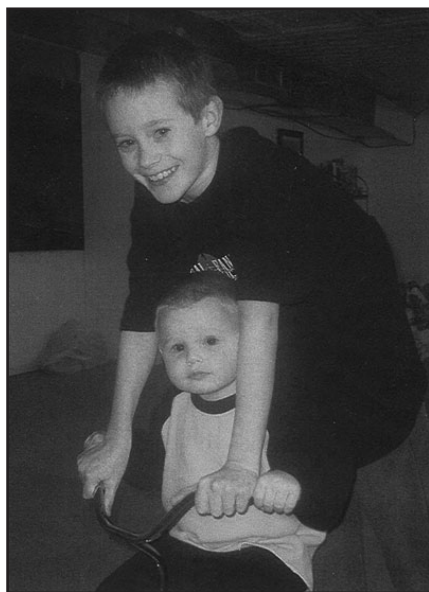
Sara Elizabeth Monnat

Sara Elizabeth Monnat is the daughter of Jessica L. White and Andy Monnat. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Cleta White and the great-granddaughter of Wallace and Nora Dawkins.

Sara is our pride and joy because she is our miracle baby. We all love the way she makes us laugh and the way she is "bossy." We love our little angel very much. She is everyone's pride and joy.



Dylan Cassidy and Cayden Sandell

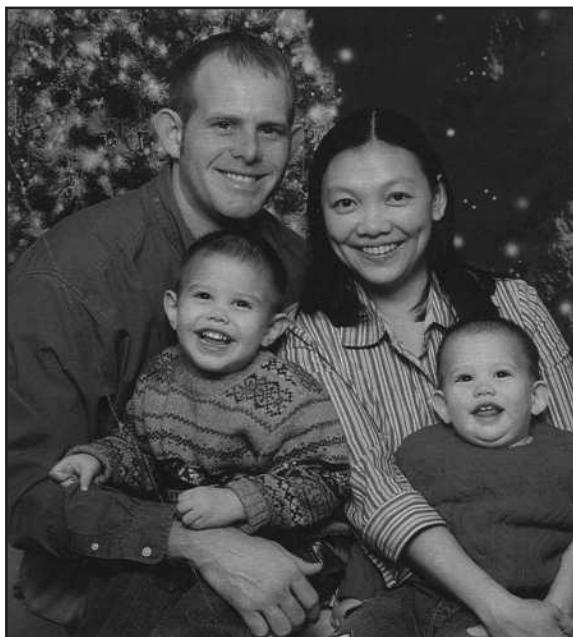


Dylan Cassidy, 12, and Cayden Sandell, 4, are the sons of Michael Stephens and Chris Sandell. James Stephens is the son of James Robert Stephens. He and his wife, Wai Stephens have two sons, Jacob, 2 ½, and Josef, 1.

I am very proud of all my family and I am extra proud of my four grandbabies. They are all very special children. They all have different personalities and they are very good. I love them with all my heart.

Papa (James Stephens)

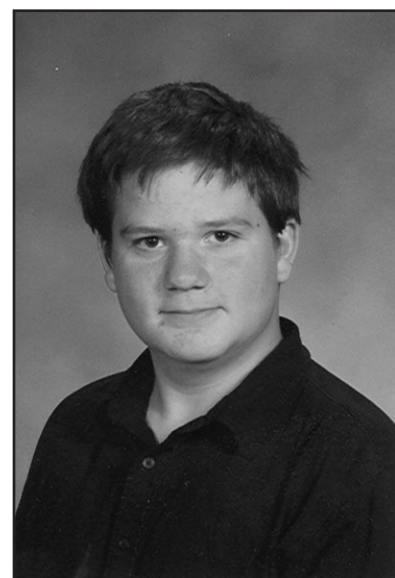
James, Wai, Jacob and Josef Stephens



Benjamin Barbour

Benjamin Barbour is the son of Ken and Jean Barbour. He is the grandson of Barbara Barbour and Bill and Vicky Bolte.

He is very intelligent with a high interest in reading. He tries very hard to do his best in athletics and he has a high regard for others feelings.



Betsy Barbour

Betsy Barbour is the daughter of Ken and Jean Barbour. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Barbour and Bill and Vicky Bolte.

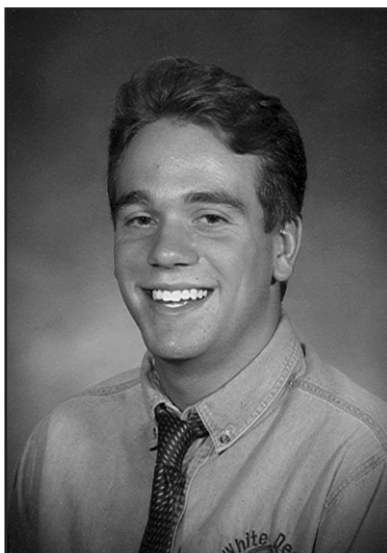
She is a very creative person. Her art is very much her own. Betsy is working hard learning her part in the "One Act Play" at school. She makes A's and B's in class.



Kenneth Barbour

Kenneth Barbour is the son of Ken and Jean Barbour. He is the grandson of Barbara Barbour and Bill and Vicky Bolte.

He has worked very hard to make it to his senior year. He has had to be very responsible since he is the oldest in a large family. He has turned into an outstanding young man.



Mikaela Stonebarger

Mikaela Stonebarger is the daughter of James and Susan Stonebarger. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Branch and the great-granddaughter of Oleta Browder.

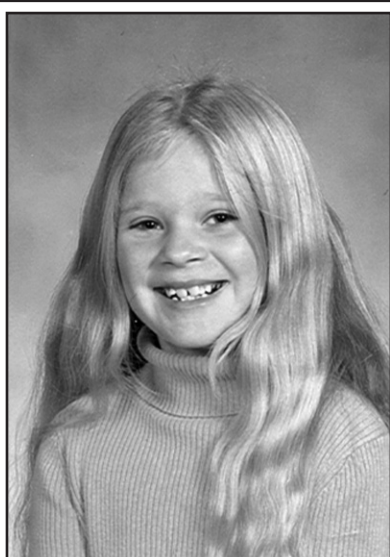
Mikaela is the youngest of our five children and she was chosen Student of the Month for December. She is a good student and a sweet and beautiful girl. She will be celebrating her 10th birthday April 5, 2006.



Victoria Barbour

Victoria Barbour is the daughter of Ken and Jean Barbour. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Barbour and Bill and Vicky Bolte.

She is a hard worker at home and at school. She has straight A's in school and is reading above grade level. Tori is a kind girl who treats others fairly at all times.



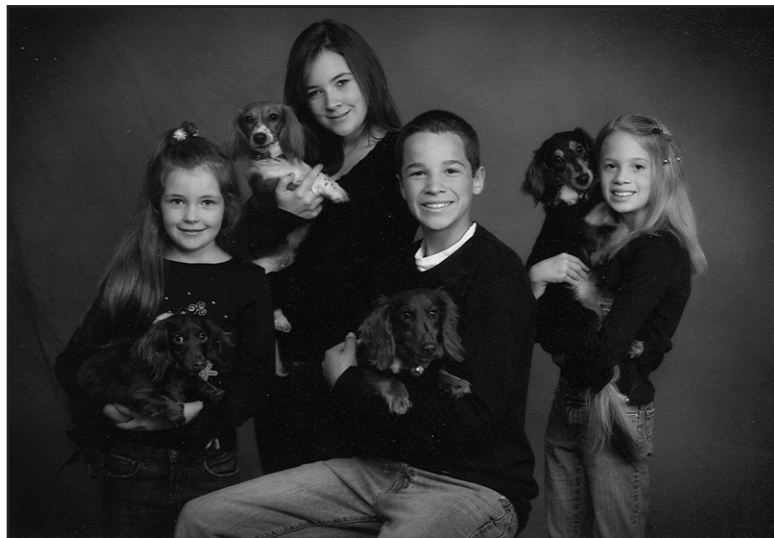
Jacob Kelley and Max McCulloch

Jacob Kelley, 12, and Max McCulloch, 5, are the children of Heidi Cummham. They are the grandchildren of Ruby Leslie Akins.

Jacob and Max are Grandma Ruby's pride and joy.



Jayne Bell, Karlee Bell, Cole Carter and Chelsea Carter



Cole Carter, 13, and Chelsea Carter, 9, are the children of Craig and Keri Sue Carter. Karlee Bell, 13, and Jaynee Bell, 8, are the Brett and Denise Bell. They are the grandchildren of Paul and Karla Bell.

Our four grandchildren make our lives "grand." Add four wiener dogs, and it's "doggone adorable."

They are descendants of E.B. Maytubby, former Governor of Chickasaw Nation.

Winter Sky Wolfe



Winter Sky Wolfe is the daughter of Greg and Mechelle Wolfe.

She is our pride and joy just because of the person she is. She brings laughter and joy into our lives and everyone around her. She is a true gift and a great blessing from our Lord Jesus Christ. And we love her very much. She celebrated her sixth birthday March 17, 2006.

May God bless you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Tyler, Natalia and Phillip Lowrance

Tyler Lowrance, Natalia Lowrance and Phillip Lowrance, Jr., are the children of Phillip and Tanya Lowrance. They are the grandchildren of Oscar and Ollie Lowrance and Bud and Gail Chandler.

We are very proud of our children because they work very hard at being the best they can be. Tyler is a sophomore, an honors student, plays football for the Bulldogs and works part time at Stillwater Milling. He plans to enter the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

Natalia is currently a student at East Central University. She will leave June 20 for basic training (U.S. Air Force). Phil Jr. is currently stationed in Germany. He is serving his country in the Army Intelligence division.



Isaac Aaron McDonald

Isaac Aaron McDonald is the son of Terry and Julie McDonald. He is the grandson of Tommy and Charlene McDonald and the great-great-grandson of the late Juanita Olline "Hayward" McDonald.

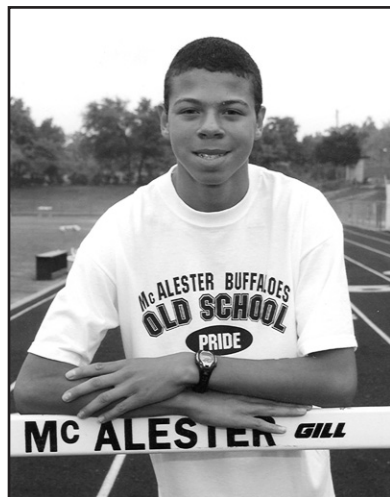
There is never a dull moment with this charming and funny two year old! Isaac is our source of entertainment and laughter! He loves to sing, dance and tell stories of his adventures in life.



Joe Thomas

Joe Thomas is the son of Billy Joe and Carrolen Thomas. He is the grandson of the late Oliver and Mae Chasteen and the late Joe and Ona Thomas.

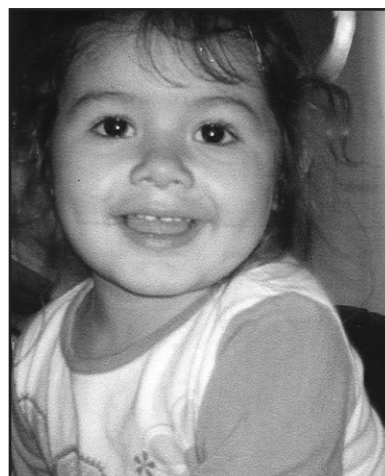
This child is my pride and joy because he is in the 11th grade and has been active in track and field and cross-country for five years. He makes very good grades and is a wonderful son. He is the youngest of three children and is very athletic and handsome. He has been named to the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Club numerous times and strives to be all he can be. Joe Thomas is the half-great nephew of Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.



Michelle Castellanos

Michelle Castellanos is the daughter of Maricela Luis. She is the granddaughter of Terri and Allen Lozano.

She makes us smile. She's fun and brings joy to all of the family. Her Uncle Alex, Aunt Vanessa and Uncle Christian love to play games with her. She's the best.



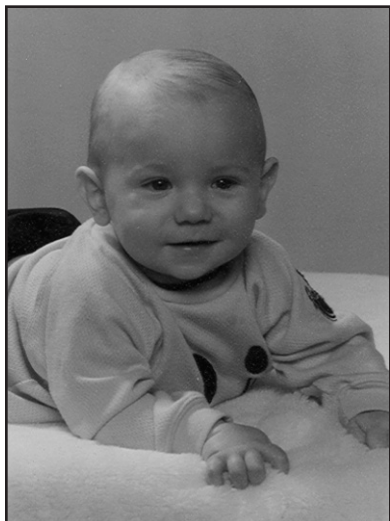
Jordan Pharr

Jordan Pharr is the daughter of Kent and LeaAnne Pharr. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Pat Weldon and the late Robert Pharr and Lee and Shirila Sweat.

While excelling in all that she does, Jordan loves to have fun. Jordan is bright, loving and always thoughtful.

We love you,
Mom and Dad.





Trenton Lee McDanel

Trenton Lee McDanel is the son of JD and Kristi McDanel, Jr. He is the grandson of J.D. and Sue McDanel and the great-grandson of original enrollee Lena Mae Goforth.

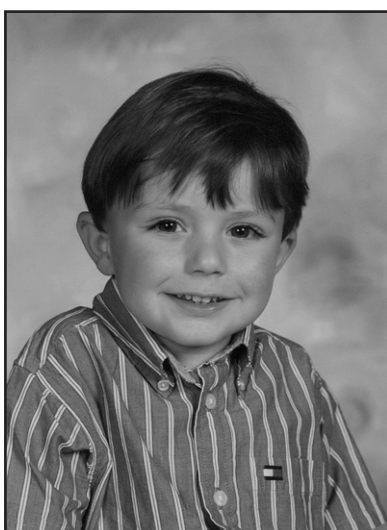
He is our pride and joy because he is such a strong willed child full of laughter and occasional tears, very headstrong as he learns new things and shows off his new emotions. We are happy he will grow up with a strong sense of culture and his heritage in our great Chickasaw Nation.

J.R. Brotherton

J.R. Brotherton is the son of Jim and Tana Brotherton. He is the grandson of Jim and Rose Nesmith.

J.R. is our pride and joy. He is 3 1/2-years-old. He is in pre-school at Outlook Elementary School. He has a great sense of humor. We love him and are so proud of him.

Grandma and Grandpa Nesmith



Trisha Gaethle

Trisha Gaethle is the daughter of Jamie and Trina Garcia. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Rose Nesmith.

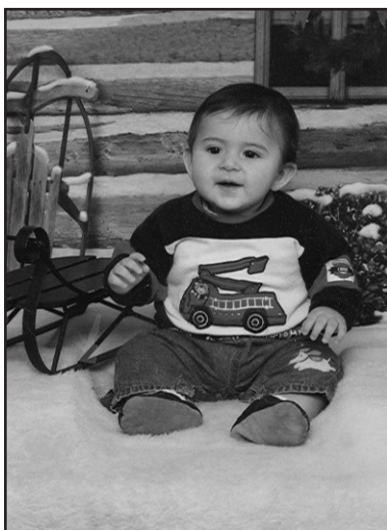
Trisha is 13 years old. She is an eighth-grade student at Harrison Middle School. She plays basketball and helps take care of her little brother, Dakota. She is our pride and joy.

Grandma and Grandpa Nesmith.

Dakota James Gargia

Dakota James Garcia is the son of Jamie and Trina Garcia. He is the grandson of Jim and Rose Nesmith.

Dakota is grandma and grandpa's pride and joy. He is 10 months old and is always so happy. He loves to dance, and loves when his big sister Trisha comes home from school.



Devan A. Hill

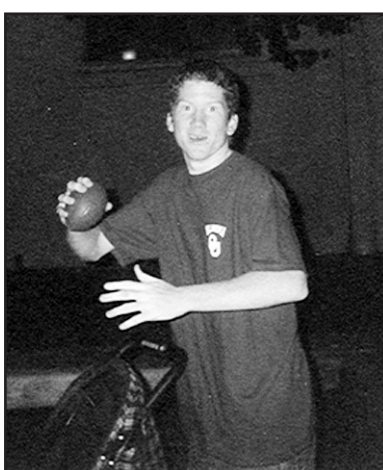


Devan A. Hill is the foster child of Vicki Bowers and family.

He is important to our family he is such an inspiration to me. We love him very much. Here is a poem I want to share: The Starfish Story

A man was walking along the beach, enjoying the day when he noticed many starfish that had washed up on the shore. As he walked, he thought about the sad fate of those starfish – they would not make it if they remained out of the water for long. He continued walking, enjoying the breeze as it blew crisply over the ocean.

Before long, he came across a girl. She was picking up each starfish in her path and throwing it back in the water. The man chuckled and said, "You'll never save all those starfish." The girl never looked up. She just responded, "No – but I can save this one, and this one, and this one, and this one, and this one, and this one."



Brandon Alan Scruggs

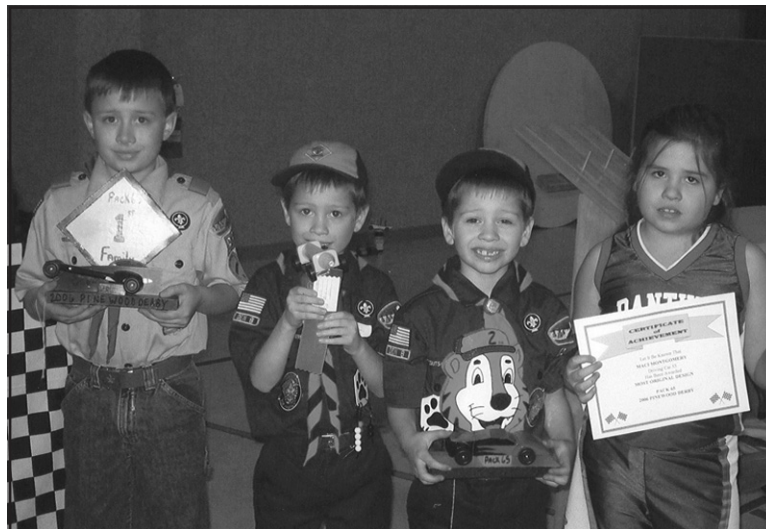
Brandon Alan Scruggs is the son of Melissa Arispe and the step-son of Alan Scruggs.

He is the youngest of three children. He has two older sisters Christa Franko and Alisha Scruggs. He is the uncle of Desiree Nicole Jeffrey and Zackery Thomas. He attends May Pearl (TX) High School. He loves skate boarding, football and track where he has won many awards. He would someday love to have a career in football. He is our pride and joy because he is so thoughtful of other people and he has been a lot of help to his stepfather who has suffered brain tumors throughout the years. He learned to drive at a very young age and will be receiving his license. I

hope Brandon will someday think in terms of a career in the U.S. Coast Guard like his sister Alisha or maybe the medical field.

We love you Brandon,
Mom

Shelton, Elijah, Colby, and Maci Montgomery



Shelton, 11, Elijah, 7, Colby, 7, and Maci Montgomery, 9, are the children of Freda and Scott Montgomery. They are the grandchildren of Eleanor Cravatt Muck, 21/32 Chickasaw.

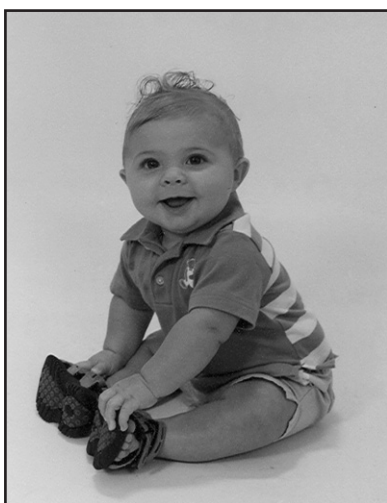
Shelton placed 1st in the Family Division of the Harrah Pack 65 Annual Pinewood Derby, Jan. 28,

2006 at the Newalla Baptist Church. Elijah won grand prize and 1st place over 74 cars in the contest. Colby placed 2nd in the Tiger Den Division and Maci received a certificate of achievement for Best Overall Design.

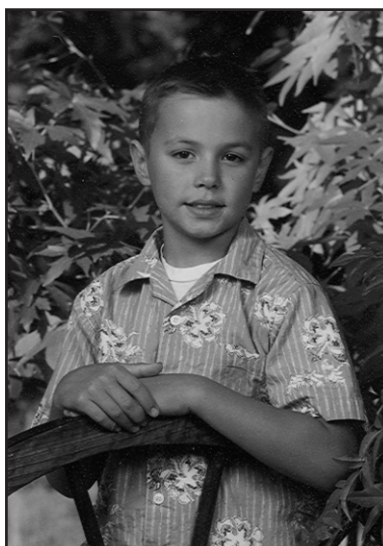
Levi James Dial

Levi James Dial, 1, is the son of Steve and Sheila Dial. He is the grandson of J.R. and Becky Dial and Cecil and Cheryl Koehler.

He is filled with so much love and happiness. His smile lights up a whole room. Levi is our precious angel from God, he keeps us so happy to wake up every morning to his loving and beautiful smile, and to hear the words Daddy and Mommy. He is our Pride and Joy.



Joel and Victor Battle



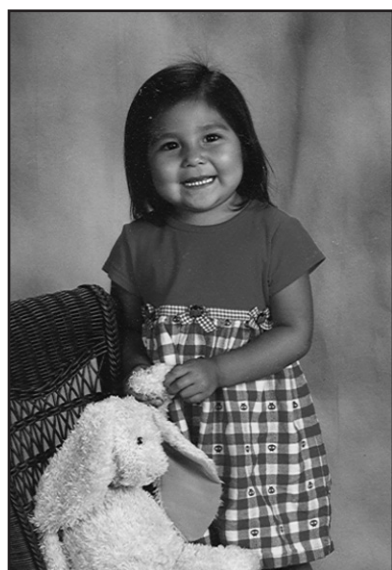
Joel Battle, 9, and Victor Battle, 7, are the sons of Jeremiah and Gemi Battle. They are the grandchildren of Carlina and Rick Shepherd and the great-grandchildren of Norma and Richard Shepherd.

Joel and Victor are our pride and joy. Joel is our pride. He is a talented pianist and also received a special honor in January. He was Student of the Month for January for Pinecrest School.

Victor is our joy. He loves to make everyone laugh with silly faces and jokes. He's the life of the party. He is also a talented artist!

We love both of them very much and are so proud of both of their accomplishments.

Aubri Lynn Brauning



Aubri Lynn Brauning 3 ½, is the daughter of Justin Brauning and Amber Coon. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Kay Brauning and Jimmy Dean and Susan Harjo. She is the great-granddaughter of Helen Leader and Wayne and Nelmon Brauning and the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Lois Goer Clifford.

Aubri attends Seminole Nation Head Start. Her great-grandmother, Helen Leader is a volunteer in her classroom. She is a Cubbie in Awanas at Bowlegs First Baptist Church. She is my pride and joy.

Great-grandma Helen Leader

Reayanna and Ty-yanna Erving

Reayanna and Ty-yanna Erving are the daughters of Tawanna Erving. They are the granddaughters of Willie J. and Joyce A. Erving.

Reayanna and Ty-yanna are our pride and joy because they both keep us laughing all the time. They are very helpful and can say some funny things when they get in trouble.



Sasha and Morgan Keck



Sasha and Morgan Keck are the children of Jason Keck and Stormy Busby. They are the grandchildren of Retha Cravatt and Don and Jeanne Keck.

My children mean the world to me. They are both teenagers now and I know they will grow up and have their own lives to lead. I am very proud of both of them. I always think of a poem I once read which said "A mother holds her children in her arms for awhile...but in her heart forever."

Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry

Price Atteberry, 11, Matthew Atteberry, 7, and Jack Atteberry, 4, are the children of Bob and Dana Atteberry. They are the great-great-grandsons of original enrollee Winnie L. Neighbors Blocker.

Price and Matthew are active in baseball, basketball and football. Jack can swim like a little fish.

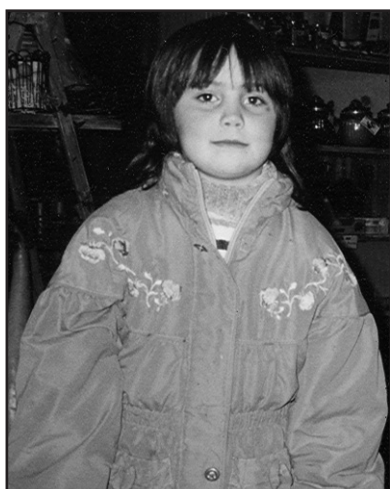
They are strong in body and spirit. They are privileged to have their grandparents and great-grandparents to be around to love them.



Jerris Dee Egge



Abigail Ogas



Isaac Ogas



Jerris Dee Egge, 15, Marshall Egge-Ogas, 14, Chelsea D. Egge, 11, Isaac Ogas, 7, Abigail Ogas, 5, and Sophia Grace Ogas, 2, are the grandchildren of Walt and Val Egge.

Jerris is a freshman with a 4.0 GPA, she excels in all she does. Our first "grand."

Marshall is learning safety first. He's a big helper with his three siblings.

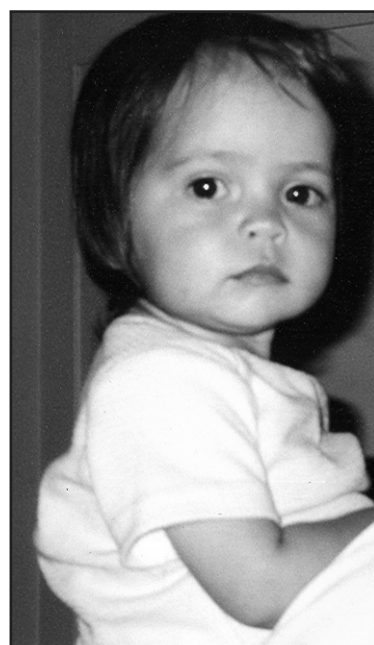
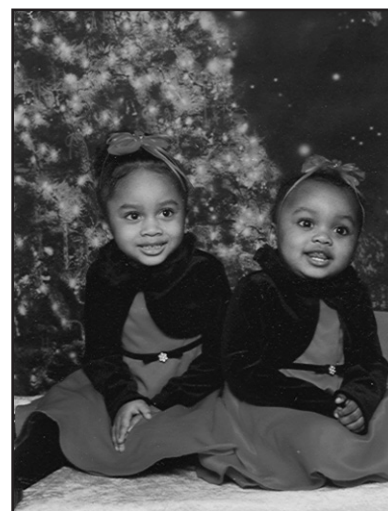
Chelsea is a special angel in a special school, she is always happy.

Isaac is grandpa's fishing buddy! They never come home empty handed.

Abigail is adorable and will steal your heart.

Sophia our little "papoose" does everything the big kids do!

We are so lucky to have six adorable grandkids and each one a very special person. They are our pride and joy.

Marshall
Egge-OgasChelsea D.
EggeSophia
Grace OgasJaCylia and
Joicelinn Johnson

JaCylia, 2, and Joicelinn, 1, Johnson are the children of Joseph and Celia McGee Johnson. They are the grandchildren of Terry and Cecile McGee and Vial and Claudia Johnson.

They are our life and motivation. They give us something to look forward to every-day. When they were born we knew there would never be another dull day.

Paris Richelle
Ayers

Paris Richelle Ayers is the daughter of Robert and Casey (Dupree) Ayers. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Becky Ayers, Russetta Dupree Baxter and Larry Joe Dupree. She is the great-granddaughter of George and Carol Gower.

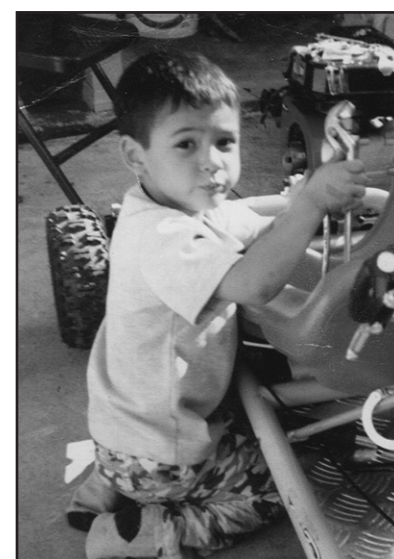
She's my first grandbaby. She is smart and a joy to be with. Her smiles and laughter is what tops off all the other precious moments. She's an absolute beauty. Her precious smile and laughter is what makes her even more the pride and joy of our families.

Zachriah A.
Winter

Zachriah A. Winter is the son of Dan A. Winter.

He is daddy's pride and joy because I love him more than anything for the joy and love he has shown his daddy, grandpa and grandma.

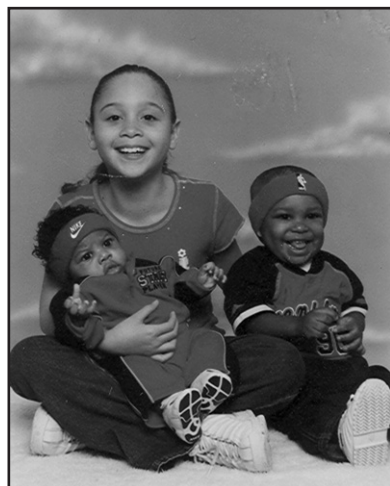
Zach is the great great grandson of Judge Joseph Bynum, originally enrollee.

Joseph A.
Colbert

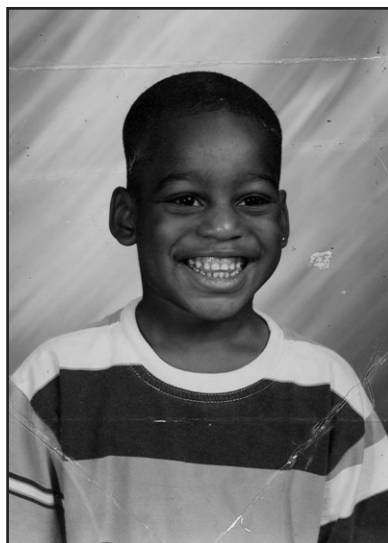
Joseph A. Colbert, 10 months, is the son of Jesse and Michele Colbert.

Joey is our pride and joy because he is a wonderful, smart, and loving child. He is the pride and joy of our life.

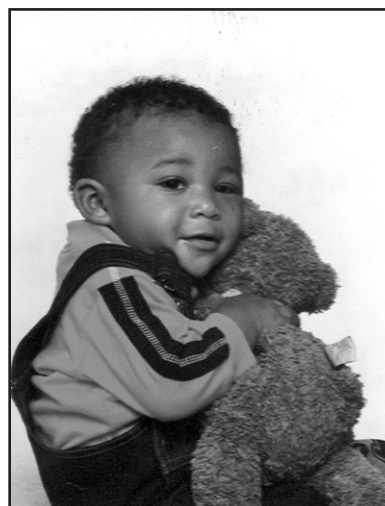
Jasmin Taylor, Jardarien Allen and Ceontrae Taylor



Demond Cochran



Tyreke Scott



Kamesha McGee



Jasmine Taylor, 11, Jardarien Allen, 3, Ceontrae Taylor, 1, Demond Cochran, 5, Tyreke Scott, 1, and Kamesha McGee, 3, are the grandchildren of Barbara Taylor, Ardmore, Okla.

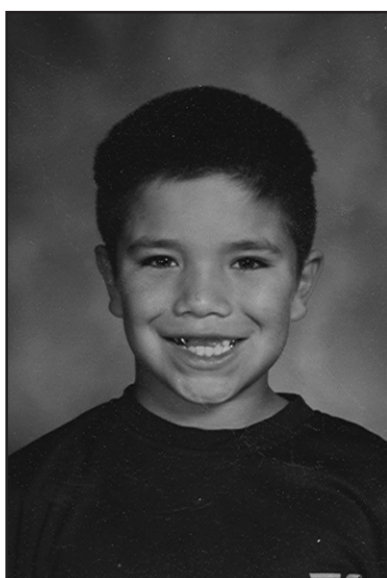
They are all my pride and joy because they are mine, and I am proud to be their grandma.

Jasmine is on a cheerleading team called the Outlaws. I am proud that Kamesha makes good grades and plays basketball. Demond is just a big help to me when he comes down in the summer to stay with me.

Hay doekeyo Tsosie

Hay doekeyo Tsosie, 8, is the son of Casey and Michelle Tsosie. He is the grandson of Darlene Emarthle and Don and Janice Tsosie.

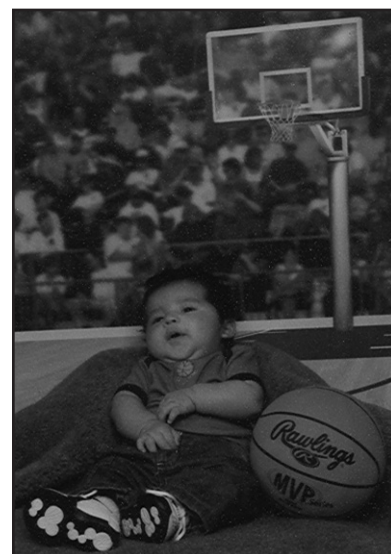
He attends second grade at Francis Elementary. He likes to play basketball, baseball and football. He is a great big brother, good student and wonderful son. We are so proud of what he has already accomplished in sports and school.



Alex Jesse Tsosie

Alex Jesse Tsosie (A.J.), 4 months, is the son of Casey and Michelle Tsosie. He is the grandson of Darlene Emarthle and Don and Janice Tsosie.

A.J. is the newest pride and joy of the Tsosie family. He is only 4 months old and he had already brought so much joy to our family. We are proud of our new baby.

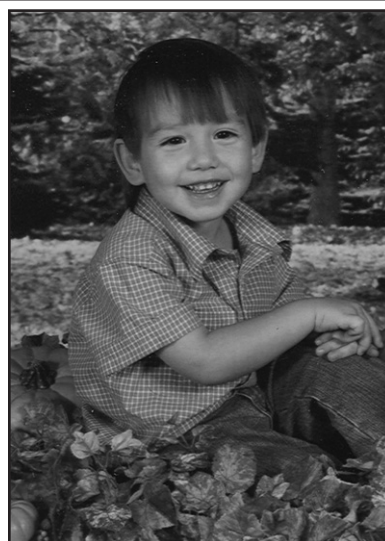


Mia-Niv Taty Tsosie



Mia-Niv Taty Tsosie, 4, is the daughter of Casey and Michelle Tsosie. She is the granddaughter of Darlene Emarthle and Don and Janice Tsosie.

She attends Pre-K at Francis Elementary. She loves to sing, she always has a song to sing that will put a smile on your face. She is a great big sister; she always wants to help take care of her baby brother. We are very proud of our beautiful daughter.



Johnny Lee Bruner

Johnny "John-John" Lee Bruner, Jr., is the son of Johnny Sr., and Marguerite Bruner. He is the grandson of Dianna "Red" Bruner.

All of my 13 grandchildren are my pride and joy but John-John is the youngest and he is a blessing because he was born at the time of my husband's death. He shows a lot of his grandfather's characteristics and is a joy to my heart.

Thank you for all the Pride & Joy submissions!
Late submissions will be published in the
May 2006 issue.

Elder council hears of plans for revitalization of Chickasaw language

This report covers the February and March 2006 meetings of the Council of Elders (COE) held at the Davis Microtel hotel.

The invited speaker for the February meeting was Ms. Sondra Seeley from the division of program operations who talked about the Bureau of Indian Affairs burial grant. All Native Americans can request the BIA grant within 30 days of an event. All Chickasaw area offices have the application forms and information. If the grant is approved payments are made directly to the service provider. Ms. Seeley mentioned another burial assistance program not managed in their office. Chickasaws should contact governor's office for this assistance. COE suggested that the Senior Sites would benefit by hearing about these programs.

Bob Perry brought guests Jerod Tate and former COE member Juanita Tate. Jerod Tate will be composing music for the 2007 opening of the new Chickasaw Cultural Center, and asked COE for input on his production ideas on language, clans and old music. Although no suggestions followed, Mr. Tate informed COE how he may be contacted in the future. [A story that educates children on clans and house groups was sent to Mr. Tate.]

In response to COE's requests

2006 trips to the Gathering of Nations and the Homelands will be funded by cultural services budget revisions. Mr. Kirk Perry requested member's input and suggested guidelines to begin planning details. In the March meeting, clarifications of details for the two COE trips were discussed. It was stated COE members would also qualify to attend the separate senior site trips to both locations. The difference is that the COE trips will be educational to develop the council member's knowledge, not recreational; and a written report is needed for COE records. COE decided that the visit to the homelands could coincide with spending a day at the Tuscumbia Oka Kapassa Festival scheduled for September 8 & 9, 2006.

It was reported that Chickasaw language revitalization classes are being held in several locations. Two COE members are teaching classes: Ms. Winnie McNeely and Ms. Pauline Brown.

Ms. Brown opened the March meeting by asking all to join in reading the Lord's Prayer in Chickasaw. COE took time to practice speaking the Chickasaw words. Mr. Kirk Perry facilitated COE members by slowly pronouncing the words of a single line several times; a successful method that is being used in the language revitalization classes.

Practicing speaking the words is planned in future meetings until COE can read and pronounce the entire Lord's prayer.

Kirk Perry gave COE members an article from *Tracks* (Spring 2006 Newsletter of the Sam Noble Museum) that told how living languages must be continually revised to fit the needs, especially of the younger speakers. The article described using the Euchee word for 'television' which translates 'moving picture'; then compared with the Euchee word for 'computer' that builds on the television word. It translated as 'moving picture that thinks for itself.' He reported that the Chickasaw program is designed in two components; one revitalization, to get people speaking the words the way they sound. Proper spelling of the oral language is not encouraged to help avoid loss of Chickasaw language speaker's dialects of the words they were taught. Listeners can learn at their own speed. The second program component is documentation. This is formal. Similar to most foreign language programs a language curriculum is being developed. This then followed by designed lesson plans that teach all ages. Especially needed are younger speakers who can learn the language and carry it forward for more future years. Another tested method to learn language fluency is to attempt

to match fluent speakers with young couples with children by using 'total immersion' so speaking Chickasaw for many hours each day and week can pass along fluency. The revitalization classes are doing so well that Ms. Brown urged, even recommended, that tribal legislators take the language classes to better understand the needs of citizens.

Announcements: A community beading class is being held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Tishomingo Community Center. These classes are being taught by Mr. Jerry Underwood. Those interested, may bring a beading project or a project idea; materials can be provided or bring your own.

Mr. Kirk Perry reported that

the COE's idea to have a craft working place is being pursued.

Mr. Bob Perry reported that the Chickasaw Press held their first meeting of the Editorial Review Board. Selections were made including a children's book by Chickasaw Historical Society.

Ms. Brown mentioned the Chickasaw Nation ambassador training being conducted as a worthwhile program. COE requested the person conducting the program, Ms. LaDonna Brown be invited to the next COE meeting to speak on the subject.

Next COE Meeting: COE set their next regular meeting beginning at 10 a.m. on April 20, 2006 at the Davis Microtel Motel.

Savannah River Chickasaw study



From left to right, Governor Anotubby, Edward J. Cashin, Richard Green, Aaron Long and Robert Perry examine documents Mr. Cashin brought for a presentation on the Savannah River Chickasaws. Mr. Cashin is in the process of writing a book on the history of Savannah River Chickasaws, recently made a presentation at Chickasaw Headquarters to several interested citizens.

Oklahoma Women's Summit April 28

Governor Brad Henry and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women are co-sponsoring the Oklahoma Women's Summit on Friday, April 28, 2006, at the State Capitol Building.

The summit's goal is to stimulate changes in state policies and create initiatives to benefit women statewide. It will bring together citizens and community and state leaders to address topics and issues relating to women.

The summit takes as its theme, "Women change Oklahoma."

The summit begins at 9 a.m. with remarks from Patti Presley, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women. Following the welcome, Gov. Henry will deliver the keynote address on the many roles of women in

Oklahoma. A plenary session on the state of women's health in Oklahoma will include Senator Angela Monson and Cedar Jackson from the Department of Health.

During the day, participants may attend breakout sessions to discuss Aging and Eldercare, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Wellness and Lifestyle, An Update on Incarcerated Women, Alternatives to Incarceration, Re-entry Into Society and Transitioning from Prison, Oklahoma Women's Almanac Trends and Historical Overview, Resources for Change - Positioning Women for Power, and Building Coalitions for Change.

At 3:30 p.m., the summit's closing plenary session will feature extraordinary women

leadership. Speakers will include Major General Rita Aragon. The Summit will adjourn by 4:30 p.m.

The \$15 registration fee will include a box lunch served in the Capitol Rotunda. Summit participants may make an advance purchase of the Oklahoma Women's Almanac, with delivery at the Summit. Registration forms and Almanac information are available by emailing ocsw@opm.ok.gov or okwomensummit@sbcglobal.net, by calling (405) 522-6897, or by writing Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, 2101 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4904. Checks should be made out to OCSW/Summit '04. The registration deadline is April 3.

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For more information, contact the Freedom Center located at 14th & Broadway, Ada, OK, (580) 436-3330 or visit the Freedom Center website at www.fcada.org

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they were off to meet the other two members of the group. The singer was a contralto, Dowanwin, a Dakota Sioux who was a nursing student. The pianist was an Oneida, Godje, a name she translated as Hanging Flower. Apparently, the three women got along well and the other two accepted Te Ata's leadership. Actually, an older lecturer who toured with them helped the inexperienced trio handle tickets and luggage. Lieurance, who did not accompany the group, had purchased in advance all of the train fare for the three and handed each of them a very long strip of tickets, one for every stop that summer.

Te Ata thought that Dowanwin had a beautiful voice but that every song was delivered with the same "gentle, spiritual air." One aria she performed was from Cadman's opera, *Shanewis*. "For half a thousand years your race has cheated mine!" she sang sweetly. Te Ata's natural reticence gave way to a desire to show Dowanwin how to inject "fire" into her performances. Te Ata's own performances were enhanced by the exquisite buckskin dress she wore.

She had acquired it from a trader named Reece Kincaid, who had come west as a missionary determined to save Indian souls but became more interested in learning about their traditional lives. Kincaid found a niche for himself as a supporter and marketer of Indian arts and crafts. When he met Te Ata, he was living among the Cheyenne and Arapaho in the small western Oklahoma community of Colony. Kincaid and Te Ata respected one another and continued to do business and be friends for years afterward.

As part of her program, Te Ata performed a hunting dance. Armed with a real bow and arrow, she pretended to track a deer in the forest. Spotting it, she followed very carefully, listening, peering out from tall grass and behind trees. Following the deer's trail to the river, she paddled a canoe across and picked up the trail again. Sighting the deer, she took aim and shot the arrow (at a target offstage), mortally wounding the animal. She celebrated with a big whoop and leaped off the stage onto the

top of a large wardrobe trunk. Then, in seemingly the same fluid motion, she wound up in a sitting, cross-legged position. The bow had been given to her by a Chickasaw man who had used it in his youth to shoot fish and game. She prized the bow for its craftsmanship and because it had been made from the traditional source of Chickasaw bows, the bois d'arc tree. He had also given Te Ata her first arrows, but they were long gone, having been absconded by little boys who wanted the arrows more than they wanted to watch the rest of the show. As a result, Te Ata bought very cheap arrows.

Financially, Te Ata went into the red during that Chautauqua, owing to her inexperience and the theft of her purse in Pasadena, California. She initially did not want to contact the police; her father had warned that anytime "an Indian gets mixed up with the white man's law, the Indian loses." Fortunately for her, the police later recovered the purse with the group's railroad tickets and Te Ata's silver wristwatch, a gift from Miss Davis, still inside. But Te Ata's savings of more than \$100 was gone. She had to wire her parents to send money for her train fare home.

Te Ata participated in different Chautauqua companies over the next four summers. As one of the few Indians on Chautauqua at a time when most Americans probably had never seen a Native American, Te Ata had an unusually rich touring experience. During those years, Te Ata not only loved performing and working on her technique, she also enjoyed the traveling. Redpath and other companies that she worked for toured mainly in the middle and western states.

Along the way, she visited every Indian tribe or settlement that she could. She was both curious and astute; she could learn only so much from books and articles. The visits got her adrenaline going and were like fieldwork in that she wrote down stories she liked and added them to her repertoire. She also gradually began acquiring tribal arts and crafts, some given to her by Indian people in appreciation of her work. She used a few of

these articles as clothing or decorations in her performances.

A young Tama Indian in Nebraska gave Te Ata a bracelet and they exchanged letters for a time. She visited the Riverside Indian School in southern California, bought her first Navajo blanket, a Paiute basket and Pueblo pottery in New Mexico and Arizona. She visited the grave of the great Nez Perce leader, Chief Joseph in Lapwai, Idaho. After she paid her respects, a young Nez Perce man asked her to visit one of the late chief's elderly relatives. Their conversation was translated by the young man. As Te Ata was leaving, the old woman gave her a small basket woven and twisted of corn husks with designs on the sides and a little lid fastened with a thong.

Wherever they visited, Te Ata made it a point to find out what was worth seeing in the area. The group visited salt mines in Iowa and coal mines in Kentucky. They hired a car and driver to take them into one of Washington's magnificent old growth forests. They saw a variety of southwestern deserts and blue mountain lakes in the Cascades. In Pocahontas, Iowa, Te Ata accepted a barnstorming pilot's invitation to fly with him in his two-seater. Though "scared to death," she went up because she thought she might never get the chance again. When they were aloft, the pilot asked if she wanted to take the controls. She surprised herself by saying yes. After showing her the controls, she soared in a way she never had before.

One kind of experience she did not get on Chautauqua was dating young men. Te Ata, Dowanwin and Hanging Flower made a pact: if one was invited out, either all would go or none. Plenty of men must have asked Te Ata out, but she says she observed their pact. In this way, safety obviously had a higher priority than the temptation to see what dating a man might be like. Racism reared its ugly head. Some towns in the Dakotas had no decent hotels. While private homes were open to many of the performers and lecturers, the Indian women often were not welcome. In some Midwestern towns, they heard the prevailing stereotypes about

"wild Indians," and "redskins."

Living out of a suitcase and innumerable one night stands eventually took its toll. Often, they slept in railroad stations and were awakened by ticket managers announcing that their train was about leave. They would scramble aboard half asleep, not remembering where they were or where they were headed.

So, Te Ata was happy to arrive back in Tishomingo after that first Chautauqua summer. But the 24-year-old woman had changed in a fundamental way.

Once she had spent a summer living independently, sampling the beauty and diversity of the American landscape, getting acquainted with Native Americans who were simultaneously so different and so alike, hearing the applause and experiencing the power of captivating an audience, she would never again be satisfied with staying home. People told her she had a remarkable talent, and as the summer of 1919 wound down, she thought maybe this was so.

Indigenous Games tryouts

Team Oklahoma is hosting tryouts for the 2006 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). The 2006 NAIG is a large-scale, multi-sport and culture celebration offering competition in 16 sports for youth ages 13-19 and adults age 20 and over. This year's competition will take place in Denver, Colorado July 2 - 9.

Team Oklahoma will be competing in several sports at the games. April youth tryouts include:

Tae Kwon Do

Ages 13 - 19

April 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center

229 W. Seabrook Road, Ada

Golf

Ages 13 - 19

April 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Lakeview Golf Course
3905 N. Commerce,

Ardmore

Track

Ages 13 - 19

Submit personal time to

James Lampkin

at james.lampkin@chickasaw.net

or at 580-222-2802

Team Oklahoma tryouts and competitions are open to all Native American youth in Oklahoma. Youth must be born no earlier than 1987 and no later than 1993 in order to compete. Those participating in tryouts should bring proof of age and proof of Indian ancestry.

For more information on Team Oklahoma, contact Shannon Campbell at (580) 310-6620. Find more information on the 2006 NAIG at www.naig2006.com.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



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Gift Shop Item of the Month

Analytical Dictionary - \$18, The Chickasaw Dictionary by Humes - \$15, Let's talk Chickasaw CD - \$18, "Talking" Chickasaw Dictionary on CDROM - \$35 and Conversational sampler with Pauline Walker as speaker on audio cassette - \$10.

Chickasaw Foundation Celebrates National Volunteer Week April 23-29

The National Volunteer Week theme, "Inspire By Example" truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help and to inspire others to serve! National Volunteer Week, April 23 - 29 is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network.

"Volunteers perform countless acts of service and are one of America's most valuable assets," said Robert K. Goodwin, president and chief executive officer of the Points of Light Foundation. "During the past year, volunteers nationwide have reached out to their neighbors both near and far especially during the aftermath of the hurricanes on the Gulf

Coast. National Volunteer Week is the ideal time to honor volunteers meeting community needs around the country and calling the public's attention to their tremendous contributions."

During National Volunteer Week, thousands of volunteers nationwide will receive presidential recognition for their service through the President's Volunteer Service Award – the most prestigious volunteer award associated with the White House. Like National Volunteer Week, this award seeks to inspire by example, honoring the service of our country's most committed volunteers and sharing their achievements to encourage more Americans to volunteer.

National Volunteer Week

began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since has signed a proclamation promoting the week.

The Chickasaw Foundation says "thank you" to all our volunteers who take time to help make our organization a success. If you are a volunteer for the Chickasaw Foundation, please stop by our office during National Volunteer Week for a special thank you gift.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment

before starting to improve the world. — Anne Frank, Diary of a Young Girl

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students participate in Trio Day at Oklahoma state capitol

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search students attended TRIO Day at the State Capitol on February 22. TRIO program participants from across the state joined together to show support for TRIO programs.

Oklahoma Secretary of State M. Susan Savage read a TRIO Day proclamation. Dr. Arnold Mitchum, President of the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C., was also a guest speaker.

Student testimonials were given by John Riley, Educational Talent Search of Oklahoma State University; Dana Kermanian, a TRIO Alumni from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and Markqayne Ray, Student Support Services at Oklahoma University.

Remarks in support of TRIO programs were made by Sen. Jay Paul Gumm, District 6; Rep. Jari Askins, District 19; Rep. Connie Johnson, District 48; Rep. Michael Shelton, District 97, and John Woods, District Director for U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, District 4.

TRIO participants were also asked to participate in a community service project to benefit participants of TRIO programs in Louisiana who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Participants donated unused TRIO affiliated t-shirts and school supplies.

Students and staff went to the Harkins Theater in Bricktown for a motivational workshop, "Lunching with Tomorrow's Leaders," presented by Anne Strong, Assistant Director of Upward Bound Math Science at the University of North Texas.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students attending were Heather Baker, Taylor Britt, Michael Brown, Jessica Carter, Whitney Condit, Christi Coughenour, Sheimeka Davis, Starlet Etheridge, Beth Huddleston, Nina Lawrence, Kim Lewis, Rebecca Moore, Emalee Munn, Jenifer Pedigo, Kara Price, Amanda Riley, Heather Stinnett, Ashley Talbott, Anvester Wilson, Ricky Wilson, James Wyler, Kayla Bertwell, Tosha Deal, Isaac Gregg, Stephanie Gutendorf, Nicholas Lambert, Angela Moore, Jerry Rojas,

Thomas Ryals, Tania Santillan, Joshua Sisco, Alex Tickel, Heather Turner, Jessica Willis, Sirena Adams, Amanda Brantley, Andrea Brumley, Britni Carrigo, Justin Costley, Chelsie Courtney, Sharla Dewitt, Jessica Fels, Lyndsey McNeil, Amy Peterson, Travis Phipps, Patricia Schwartz, Crystal Schwartz, Kodie Whitbeck and Rachel Wilkins.

Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search students attending were Kayla Ahuna, Rachel Pipes, James Cooper, Brandon Madden, Dillon Madden, Kimberly Dixon, Tom Patterson, Nick Jones, Matthew Gitchel, James Henderson and Kelby Helton. Staff attending included Rici Love, Tracey Vasquez, Susan Webb, Miguel Correa, Kaci Burk, Elaine Benson and Mike Cox.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search students at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Foundation participates in Native American Career & College Day

The Chickasaw Foundation participated at the Native American Career and College Day on February 22, 2006 at the Pontotoc Technology

Center in Ada. Staff member Tracie Carter distributed the Foundation's scholarship application and answered questions from the students.

Foundation volunteers



Susan Webb, academic advisor for Upward Bound, volunteers at the tribal Listening Conference in Oklahoma City, February 2006.



Volunteers busy serving the meal at the Chickasaw Foundation's 2004 Cultural Evening.



Volunteers hard at work for the Chickasaw Foundation STARS event March 2005.



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2006-2007 Scholarship Application

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All scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the students' designated college or university. The award requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. **All scholarships applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date – June 1st - to be considered for funding.**

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* Four - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).</p> <p>☐ Computercraft Corporation Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
* Undergraduate students. Computer engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists recruited, however, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study.
* One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).</p> <p>☐ Ann Eubank Health Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate or graduate students.
* Student pursuing a pre-approved health care related major.
* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p>☐ Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aisha Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school.
* One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).</p> <p>☐ Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate or graduate students.
* Major in Native American studies, history or education.
* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p>☐ Judicial Scholarship – Law Student Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.2 or higher.
* Undergraduate or law student in an accredited four-year college or university.
* Student pursuing a degree in law, pre-law, legal studies, paralegal or any major associated with law or bachelors degree obtained with the intention of pursuing a law degree.
* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p>☐ Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
* Undergraduate student pursuing a degree in nutrition science, science or liberal arts.
* One - \$8,000 scholarship (\$4,000 per semester).</p> <p>☐ Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate students.
* One – \$500 scholarship.</p> <p>☐ Frederick L. Hill – The Hill Group Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate students.
* Two - \$1,250 scholarships (\$625 per semester).</p> <p>☐ Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only.
* Student in freshman year at any two or four-year college.
* Proof of income (most recent filed tax form for financial need).
* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> | <p>☐ Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton
* Full-time Chickasaw students only.
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* Full-time Chickasaw students only.
* Undergraduate students.
* Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.
* Four - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).</p> <p>☐ Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
* Undergraduate students.
* Major in finance, business or accounting.
* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p>☐ Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate students in a four-year college.
* Major in education.
* One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).</p> <p>☐ Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate or graduate students.
* Social work or a pre-approved healthcare related major.
* One - \$500 scholarship.</p> <p>☐ John Bennett Herrington Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
* Junior or senior year at any four-year college or university.
* Student pursuing a degree in engineering, physics, mathematics, chemistry, geophysics, natural science or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees and have a demonstrated interest in space aeronautics.
* One scholarship for a maximum of \$10,000 annually, for up to two years.</p> <p>☐ Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship
* Part-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
Age 25 years or older.
* Undergraduate student in an accredited two or four-year college or university.
* Major in finance or accounting.
* One - \$250 scholarship.</p> <p>☐ Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate or graduate students.
* Two - \$500 scholarships.</p> <p>☐ Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
* Undergraduate, graduate or vo-tech students.
* Two - \$500 scholarships.</p> <p>☐ Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
* Undergraduate students.
* One – \$500 scholarship.</p> |
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The Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship application can be accessed online at www.chickasaw.net.

Ecological academy seeks students

The Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) is seeking high school students to participate in the Black Mesa Ecological Academy. The Academy will be June 25 - 30, 2006, at Kenton, Oklahoma.

This Academy is a cooperative effort among Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Students will explore the rangelands of the five-state area. The five-day Academy provides the opportunity to learn more about range and wildlife management, conservation planning, plant identification, conflict resolution and leadership development. All these subjects are integrated using new technology such as global positioning systems and geographic information systems.

The course will be taught by members of the Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas Sections of the Society for Range Management. Instructors will also include employees of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and conservation districts. Additional staff, selected from the five states, will include animal scientists, historical re-enactors, tourism specialists, and others with expertise in rangeland related issues.

"Rangelands compose over one-half of the state's land use in Oklahoma," said Clay Horton, Tribal Resource Conservationist. "These lands provide recreation, grazing for livestock, habitat for wildlife, and an excellent setting to teach ecological concepts to the youth of Oklahoma."

The Academy is a fun week of meeting people, learning new skills, and spending time in a rangeland environment.

Applications for the Academy can be obtained at your local Conservation District or NRCS office or from the BMEA link on the Oklahoma SRM website, <http://www.oksrm.okstate.edu/>. Applications must be postmarked by June 12, 2006.

For information call Horton at (580) 332-8167.

'Its About Money'

Failing to plan is same as planning to fail



By ROSS HILL
CEO
Bank2

A good friend of mine once shared with me the key to his success. He believed strongly in the power of strategic planning. "Ross," he said. "Failing to plan is planning to fail." If you are like me, you had to think about that phrase for a minute before the truth of the statement hit home. In a modern fast-paced world where the pause button has been all but removed from our life, few of us take time to plan our next meal let alone plan our financial future. But as another great friend once shared, "It's better to try and fail than to try nothing and succeed." I know, more head scratching at first but here again is one of the little truths in life that separates being good from being great! It's the little differences in life that determine whether or not we ever get ahead.

How about you? It has been three months since the New Year. Have you given any thought to how this year might be different from the rest? Is this the year you start a savings account, buy a new home, open your own business, spend more time with your family or start back to church? I've heard it said that doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results is a sure sign of insanity. You might get an "A" for effort but like a hamster in a squirrel cage, you might be real busy but in the end you didn't move ahead one inch.

So how do we break the cycle? We are all creatures of habit. Let's face it; change doesn't come easy! We need motivation. What is the best way to eat an elephant? One bite at a time! The key? Take baby steps toward

your goal and before you know it you will be crossing the finish line. Determine the direction you want to head and get rolling. As the NIKE® commercial once said, "Just Do It!"

Setting the direction you want to go is at the root or developing your personal strategic plan. The thought of setting goals is about as exciting as a root canal for most folks. I recently became aware of a simple technique that has proven to be very effective for individuals, business or organizations that have a desire to take their futures into their own hands rather than be like a boat adrift at sea.

Here's the idea. Give it a try and just watch and see if you don't find yourself right where you wanted to be in just a few short months. Imagine the year is 2008, nearly two years from today, and the *Chickasaw Times* has decided to write a feature article on you. They want to know what the key has been to your success. What did you do to turn your life around? What changed? What are the things you accomplished? How did you do? Now imagine that you are the *Chickasaw Times* reporter assigned to write the story about your success. Write

the story. Give all the details. List your accomplishments and how you pulled it off. Share the challenges you faced and the strategies you implemented to overcome them.

Guess what. You just wrote the strategic plan that is going to make all the difference in whether or not you stay where you are or whether you start getting ahead. One last tip, share your story with a friend and ask them to check in with you from time to time to see how the story is developing. This same process is being used all over the world by big time business consultants to grow multi-million dollar organizations. What's working for them is certain to work for you. Go ahead, sharpen that pencil or jump on that computer. Your future is just waiting to be discovered. One thing is for sure; the future is just around the corner. No one plans on failing. But far too many of us are failing to plan. What we do with our future begins today!

Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. Its About Money is published monthly

Ardmore awards



Wilson Seawright, Chickasaw Nation Legislator, presents awards to area youth during the Ardmore High School DreamCatchers Pow Wow on March 4. Honors awarded during the ceremony included, from left, AHS Native American Warrior to Matthew James, Chickasaw/Choctaw; AHS Native American Princess to Lezlie Smith, Seminole; Ardmore Little Miss Princess to Cheyenne Eades, Chickasaw/Choctaw; Ardmore Little Tot Princess to Maegan Carney, Chickasaw; and Ardmore Junior Warrior to Anthony James, Chickasaw/Choctaw. The pow wow helped raise funds for the club to travel to Washington D.C. and visit the National Museum of the American Indian.

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Entry fee is \$15 per participant and includes green fees, lunch and range balls.

All participants must have a CDIB card and present their card at registration.

The top six Chickasaw and the top six Choctaw students will qualify for participation in the National Native American Junior Golf Championships.

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February 2006 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for February 2006 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female Student of the Month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades 1 through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month in the Tishomingo District are **Kelsey Tyson** and **Preston Converse**, Tishomingo Elementary. **Shelby Reid** and **Blake St. Clair**, Tishomingo Jr. High.

"Kelsey Tyson is a very responsible, hard working student," said Rosanna Easterling. "She is presently an honor roll student. She is well disciplined and set a good example for her classmates. Kelsey shows compassion and respect for others, and is always dependable. I enjoy having her in class."

"Preston Converse is a Tishomingo Honor Roll student. He works diligently to always meet the goals he set for himself," said Roseanna Easterling. "Preston's motivation and drive makes him a leader. Most importantly, he is a very respectful young man. I enjoy having him as a student."

"Shelby Reid is a very good student," said Donna Owens. "She is pleasant

to be around. Her positive attitude and respectfulness of others makes her a good influence on those around her. She always has her work completed on time. Shelby is an excellent candidate for student of the month."

"Blake St. Clair would be an excellent choice for Student of the Month," said Donna Owens. "He works very hard in class to maintain good grades. He is a respectful young man to both peers and teachers. He comes to class prepared to work and participates in class discussion. He presents a positive attitude whether in class or elsewhere."

Students of the Month for the Panola District are **Payton Whitehead** and **Madison Poteet**, Colbert Elementary, **Dakota Bowles**, Colbert Jr. High, **Jaimie Ford** and **Shayne Shoopman** Colbert High School.

Payton Whitehead is a fourth grade student at East Ward Elementary. "He is an excellent student and a hard worker," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter.

"Payton is well liked by his teachers and fellow students. He is active in school sports as well as summer league sports programs in our community. Payton is an honor student and has a friendly personality. He participates in the JOM and Title VII programs offered and enjoys learning about his heritage. He is well deserving of your award."

Madison Poteet is a fourth grade student at Colbert East Ward Elementary. "She is an excellent student and very hard worker," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Madison is well liked by her teachers and fellow students. She is very active in school activities as well as summer league sports programs of our community. Madison is an honor student and a quiet natured young lady with a friendly personality. She

participates in the JOM and Title VII programs offered and has a good time. Maddison is very deserving of this award."

Dakota Bowles is a seventh grade student at Colbert Middle School "He is a very outgoing, energetic young man," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Dakota is a honor student and is an athlete. He is a positive role model for all his fellow students. Dakota is involved in school activities such as the academic team, basketball, and baseball. He is a deserving candidate for your Student of the Month program."

"Jaimie Ford is a very quiet and considerate young lady," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "She is not only a good student academically, but is responsible, considerate, friendly, mannerly, and respected by her peers as well as her teachers. She participates in our Indian Education programs at Colbert School. Jaimie is well-deserving of a student of the month award sponsored by your program."

Shayne Shoopman is a senior student at Colbert High School. "He is a good student and hard worker," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "He is a quiet natured young man and has a friendly personality. He is involved in the FFA program as well as participating in the JOM and Title VII programs offered at our school. Shayne would be a good candidate for this award."

Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Cheyenne Eades**, Charles Evans Elementary, Ardmore, **Blake Harris**, Plainview Elementary, **Ashley Jones**, Thackerville Jr. High, **Colton McGehee**, Turner Jr. High, **Megan Galles** and **Daniel Vanderslice**, Plainview High School.

"Cheyenne Eades shares very good citizenship. She is very respectful to all of her peers and teachers," said Melanie Miller.

"She has a positive attitude and always participates in classroom activities. She is a straight A student and a very hard worker. Cheyenne really deserves to be Student of the Month."

"Please consider Blake Harris for Student of the Month. Blake Harris is a super student and a super role model for his peers," said Kim Woods. "He works hard for his good grades and is always respectful to his teachers and classmates. It has been an honor getting to know Blake. He has become a regular in my classroom, checking his homework and making sure his social studies and science papers are in order. It is always a delight to see him during the day. I know that Blake is going to do well in life and I would like to see his efforts honored. What a fine young man, I can't wait to see what great thing he does in the future."

"Ashley Jones is an excellent student who works hard," said Gwen Bailey. "She is friendly and has an outgoing personality. While she may not be a straight A student, she gives it her best everytime. Ashley is also a 4-H member. Her favorite project is her show pigs."

"Colton McGehee is a hard working student," said Sue Kelley. "Colton may not always be on the honor roll or the best student, but he is a very delightful student just to visit with. He always is courteous."

"Megan Galles is a perfect nomination for the Student of the Month," said Kim Woods. "She is our Chickasaw Student Athlete of the Year nominee, Indian Education Honor Society nominee, and a constant member of the Governor's Honor Club. She carries a 4.0 GPA and a full load of extracurricular activities, including animal shows and athletics. We are so proud of Megan and hope you will consider this young lady for Student of the Month."

"Daniel Vanderslice is a good candidate for Student of the

Month," said Kim Woods. "He is a fine example of what hard work and pursuing your passions can produce. He is a happy young man with an outgoing personality. He truly wants to do well in every endeavor. He is an active participant in school activities in and out of the classroom. We are very proud of Daniel and hope you will consider his nomination."

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Madison Abney**, Latta Elementary, **Jeron Hamm**, Lexington Elementary, **Marissa Jackson**, Latta Junior High, **Nathan McCurley**, Wynnewood Jr. High, **Shakeya Amos**, Stratford High School and **Blake Marlow**, Lexington High School.

"Madison Abney is a very upbeat student who always has a smile on her face," said Carla Husband. "She is a very hard worker with excellent organizational skills. Her positive attitude and good work ethic will allow her to accomplish her goals."

"Jeron Hamm is a delight to be around," said Meredith Jones. "He was recently elected by his classmates to be a Student Council Representative. Jeron approaches schoolwork with enthusiasm, and this straight A's are reflective of the effort he puts forth. Jeron participates in classroom discussions and offers great insight. He is dependable and responsible by nature. Outside of school, Jeron enjoys participating in FFA. Jeron is a nice person with a very bright future." Ms. Malone is Jeron's fourth grade teacher.

"Marissa Jackson is a very nice young lady with many good qualities," said



Blake St. Clair



Dakota Bowles



Jaimie Ford



Payton Whitehead



Madison Poteet



Preston Converse



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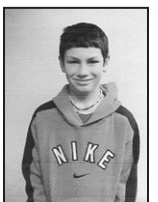
Cheyenne Eades



Daniel Vanderslice



Madison Abney



Jeron Hamm



Colton McGehee



Marissa Jackson

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Terry Painter. "Marissa is very well liked by her peers and her teachers. Marissa participates in basketball and has lots of other hobbies. I think Marissa is very deserving of this honor."

"Nathan McCurley joined the Wynnewood School System this year and has been a true asset," said Judy Cline. "He has a winning personality that attracts his peers as well as others. Nathan is always eager to assist other students, as well as teachers. He is extremely well-mannered. Nathan has been awarded the Student of the Month by his teachers. Nathan is a conscientious student and maintains an A average in his studies while also participating in the athletic program. Nathan exemplifies the qualities of a future leader. I highly recommend Nathan be awarded the Student of the Month."



Nathan McCurley

had to deal with several adversities in her young life, such as losing her mother and suffering athletic injuries. Shakeya works in the after school program helping out with the early childhood students. Shakeya would be an awesome candidate for Student of the Month."

"Blake Marlow is very respectfully of adults and his peers," said Meredith Jones. "He has a kind and gentle nature. He is well liked by his fellow students. He is active in Band and Vocal and excels at both. He enjoys competing on the Lexington High School Golf Team. His hard work and determined nature has also been reflective in his grades. Blake received all A's and B's for this semester. He has set high goals for himself and has the resolve to see them through. Lexington High School is proud to have Blake as our nominee for Student of the Month."



Blake Marlow

Scott elected Alternative NFWL Representative

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Chickasaw tribal legislator Wanda Scott was elected Alternative Elected Representative of the National Order for Women Legislators (NFWL) at the recent NFWL Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

By accepting the Alternative Elected NFWL Representative position, Legislator Scott takes on liaison and communications responsibilities between women elected officials and the corporate board of the Foundation, assisting in fundraising and other activities.

"I am honored that the members of NFWL and the Order have asked me to serve as their Alternative Representative for this next year and thrilled to have the opportunity to build relationships," said Mrs. Scott. "I appreciate the opportunities to network with legislators, explore new ideas, and share Native American legislative priorities and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Chickasaw legislature on the important public policy issues that were discussed in Phoenix."

"Legislator Scott is an eloquent and enthusiastic leader," said NFWL President & CEO, Robin Reed. "We are looking forward to her leadership in the Foundation and I am confident that she is going to contribute to making the next year one of the most exciting and productive years that NFWL has seen yet," continued Reed.

The mission of NFWL is to provide strategic resources to women leaders for leadership development and effective governance through conferences, seminars, issue education materials, professional and personal relationship, and networking at both the state and federal levels.

Through annual educational and networking events, the National Foundation for Women Legislators supports women legislators from all levels of governance. As a non-profit, not-partisan organization, NFWL does not take ideological positions on public policy issues, but rather serves as a forum for women legislators to be empowered through information and experience.

WIC nutrition open to mothers, kids

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a nutrition program offered by the Chickasaw Nation. WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

WIC is designed to assist in meeting the health and nutrition needs of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. The WIC Program offers nutrition education to teach families about nutritious choices, along with a supplemental food package high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C. The WIC Program helps people improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed and promotes breastfeeding as the best method for feeding infants.

To participate in the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program families must:

1. Be a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, or have had a baby in the past six months, or be a child up to five years of age
2. Meet income guidelines
3. Have a nutrition screening at the WIC office to check for nutritional risk

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met. Standards

for participation in the program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

The WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, carrots, tuna and peanut butter or dry beans/peas and infant formula for infants if needed. A registered dietitian is available to participants for special nutrition concerns. WIC has Peer Counselors available to assist mothers who choose to breastfeed. Electric breast pumps are available for use by WIC participants at WIC clinics throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

In the summer months the

Chickasaw Nation WIC participants are eligible for Farmers' Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program, please call (580) 436-7255. WIC has a toll free number for your convenience. The toll free number is 1-888-436-7255.

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Duncan senior site land



Governor Anotubby shakes hands with Frank Hicks after closing the purchase of the Duncan property which will be the location of the new Duncan Senior Site.

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Tribal kids' space academy focuses on robotics projects

ADA, Okla. - Almost three dozen young students from across the state began exploring the world of robotics during the second annual Chickasaw Nation Aeronautics and Space Academy (CNASA) Robotics Academy March 13 through 15 in Ada.

Students learned basic science and engineering concepts as they built small-scale robots, which they later tested and entered in competition with classmates.

"I am really impressed with these kids, because they could have done almost anything during spring break, but they chose to come here and learn," said re-

tired astronaut Charlie Dry, who helped organize the academy. "These kids have learned a lot."

"These young people are starting on a path that may very well lead them to jobs with the Chickasaw Nation in information technology or some other field."

John Herrington, a Chickasaw and the first Native American in space who currently works as vice president/director of flight operations at Rocketplane, was very positive about the idea behind the academy.

"I think it is important for kids to get hands-on experience when it comes to science," said Herrington. "Kids are fascinated

by the world around them. Using robotics as a tool for teaching science is a great idea.

"There is no better way to spur a child's desire to learn than to make it an enjoyable experience."

Katie Mitchell is a 16-year-old from Ringling, Okla., in her first year at a CNASA academy.

"It was a lot different than I expected," Katie said. "I thought we would be just sitting at our desk learning some things, but we actually got to do some pretty cool stuff."

"It was a great experience and I think it could really be helpful in the future when we study computer science in school."

Josh Hatton, from Ada, attended the first CNASA Robotics academy last year.

"I think it was even better this year. I learned a lot," Josh said. "It can be really helpful in helping choose what career you might want to go into."

While this is the fourth CNASA camp, it is the only the second venture into the field of robotics, according to Dry.

"We hope to have these kids building robots from the ground up and competing on a national level in the next two to three years," he said.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Hilly Hatton, left, and Kodie Shepard won "Top Bot" honors for the Robo Bots team at the CNASA Robotics academy. Charlie Dry, Jennifer Walker and Lisa John presented the award.



Josh Hatton, left, and Autumn Underwood won the "Top Bot" award for the destroyers team at the CNASA Robotics academy. Charlie Dry, Jennifer Walker and Lisa John presented the award.



Cooie Potts and Cody Sanders won the award for "most improved" award during CNASA Robotics academy. Charlie Dry, Jennifer Walker and Lisa John presented the award.

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As trees grow fruit, we've grown from you, the roots of our family, so strong and true.

Your words are medicine, food for the spirit you tell us the good, and the bad, not to fear it.

You shelter us all, with care not to smother, I honor you proudly, my lovely Grandmother.

You've treated and spoiled me, like your first born, your hug's were like Mama's, loving and warm.

You never denied me the treats I would crave, and taught me to always stand tall and be brave.

You've always said "Don't give up, don't say, I can't, for this will never forget you my Aunt.

We fought and we shared, we'd laugh and we'd scold, I'd give you my toys and you'd give me your cold.

I'd fight to protect you, your honor and name, and if mine were threatened then you'd do the same.

To this day I'll protect you from blemish or blister, through thick and through thin because you are my Sister.

Grandfathers, Fathers, Sons, Uncles and Brothers, be mindful the Earth and Moon too, are our Mothers.

Stand fast in defense of our Daughters and Wives!!! They are the true balance within our lives.

Never be ashamed to respond when they summon!!! Remember our Ancestors Honored The Woman...

Submitted by Orlando D. Watley

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ernor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-039. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-039 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-040, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, for surface rights. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-040. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods

Mr. Seawright noted the Legislature did not receive the requested information regarding this property and moved for a motion to table.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table GR23-040. The motion was seconded by Ms. Alexander.

Dr. Goforth Parker stated she made the commitment to obtain the additional information and place it in Ms. Richardson's office. That information was available to the Legislators.

A roll call vote was taken to table GR23-040.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

5 yes votes

Members voting no: Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

6 no votes

The motion to table GR23-

040 failed.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to recess to view the additional information on GR23-040. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to recess carried unanimously.

The Legislative Session recessed at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 9:42 a.m. A roll call vote was taken to approve GR23-040.

Members voting yes: Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Mooniene Ogee

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR23-040 carried.

General Resolution Number 23-041, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma for surface rights only. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-041. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Mooniene Ogee

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR23-041 carried.

General Resolution Number 23-042, Oil and Gas Lease in Marshall County (Tract 87)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of

Chaparral Energy, LLC, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$125.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$312.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$78.13, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations. The lease contains 2.5 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$7.50, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1.87 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-042. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-042 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-043, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tract 107)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$827.16 per acre for a total bonus of \$132,345.60, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$33,086.40 on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations. The lease contains 160.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$480.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$120.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-043. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-043 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number

23-044, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$827.16 per acre for a total bonus of \$132,345.60, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$33,086.40 on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations. The lease contains 160.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$480.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$120.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-044. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-044 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-045, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-045. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-045 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright announced that Mr. Wendell Johnston gave a report on the Burney Institute and the cemetery at the last committee meeting. He made announcements and concluded his report.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 23-002, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Election Rules and Regulations)

This resolution amends Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar are in agreement with the amendment.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR23-002. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Chairperson Scott Colbert referred to the amendment in Section 2-1031.20 and stated that a candidate should never sit on the Election Commission.

Mr. Tim Colbert suggested removing the "Be it further resolved paragraph and the amendment to Section 2-1031.2.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to table PR23-002.

After further discussion the Legislature agreed to remove Section 2-1031.2 and leave Section 8-219 as amended.

Mrs. Alexander withdrew her motion to table.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to amend PR23-002 by removing the "Be it further resolved" paragraph and Section 2-1031.2 from the resolution. Mrs. Alexander seconded the motion.

Members voting yes: Beth

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Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

7 yes votes

Members voting no: Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

3 no votes

Member abstaining: Mary Jo Green

1 abstention

The motion to amend PR23-002 carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR23-002 as amended. The mo-

tion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to amend Section 2-1031.2 to read, "Employees of the Chickasaw Nation shall not be eligible for appointment as a member of the Election Commission. No elected official of the Chickasaw Nation shall be eligible for appointment." The motion failed for a lack of a second.

A roll call was taken on the motion made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Mr. Seawright to approve PR23-002 as

amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee

2 no votes

The motion to amend PR23-002 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

Legislative Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve the Session minutes of January 20, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Dr. Goforth Parker noted a correction to the Legislative Session minutes of January 20, 2006.

Chairperson Scott Colbert

announced a vote would be taken on the minutes as corrected.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2006 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Jim Humes felt the Listening Conference was a success and he hoped to see follow up from it.

Ms. Wilma Watson asked that a new senior citizen's site be constructed in Ardmore and that it not be used as a community center.

Mr. Mike Watson stated there were several citizens in the Pickens District that wished to express their thanks for the clothing grant, the senior sites that are being built in the district and the new hospital. However, they would like to see the hospital built in Davis which would centralize the facility. He reported problems citizens had with the children's clothing grant and the Ardmore Clinic prescription formulary.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

In Memory of our parents, Ira and Mary Gibbs



Ira and Mary Gibbs

Time will pass and the pain will lessen, but memories will be forever present of you, our beloved parents.

Having six children (our sister Peggy is with you) and lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren you are in someone's thoughts daily.

Each of us has our own special memories, but the ones that we share are of you, Dad, singing and playing the guitar, your laughter, your jokes and the love in your eyes for Mom and for each of us. And you

Mom, daughter or original enrollee Fred Pershica, your crocheting, your babysitting, your love for Dad, your quiet love and understanding, and being there when we needed you. These are just a small part of our memories.

Now, when we look at each other, or in a mirror, we see you both. You are loved and missed.

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Juanita Lee Zumbro Tomlin



Juanita Lee Zumbro Tomlin died Feb. 21, 2006.

She was a former resident of Ada, Okla. At the time of her passing she resided at a care facility in Longview, Texas. She moved to Longview in 2000 to be near her daughter Lunita and son-in-law Ray Smith.

She was born March 27, 1920 in Roff, Okla. She was the second of three daughters born to Verna Benton Zumbro and Joseph Lee Zumbro.

She attended school at Vanoss, Okla., where her parents owned a country store and barber shop.

In 1951 she married Wayne Tomlin, an Ada, Okla., native who owned and operated "Wayne's" a drive-in restaurant. They moved to Arlington, Texas where she raised her four children. Mr. Tomlin died in 1979. Juanita moved back to Ada in the mid 1980s. She was a member of the Chickasaw Cats Band.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; younger sister, Carma Jo Roberts; and brother-in-law, Joy Roberts.

She is survived by her sister, LaVern Scarborough; daughter, Lunita Smith and husband Ray Dell; sons, Roger Roberts and wife Barbara, Lyman Tomlin, Reuben Tomlin and wife Pam; grandsons, Terry Smith and wife Dayna, Craig Smith and wife Marsha, Rodney Roberts, Dylan, Blake and Derek Tomlin, and Trey Tomlin; great-grandchildren, Rene Croft, Megan and Dagan Smith, Rhonda Lauren, Ryan and Rhianon Roberts; and her most recent love, great-great-grandson, Dalton Ray Smith.

She was a loving mother and

grandmother. She was special to everyone who knew her. Her kindness, her wonderful smile, good humor and love that she gave so easily will be greatly missed by her family and a host of friends.

A memorial is scheduled for a later date in Oklahoma.

Annie Ruth James



Funeral services for Annie Ruth James, 53, Grandfield, Okla., were Feb. 25, 2006 Grandfield First Baptist Church with the Rev. Sherrell Brooks, pastor, Rising Star Baptist Church, Grandfield, officiating. Burial followed in Grandfield Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. James died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006 at Grandfield.

She was born Aug. 29, 1952 in Grandfield, to Carl and Helen V. King Jackson.

She attended school at Grandfield and graduated as valedictorian of the Class of 1971. She married Clarence James Oct. 2, 1971 at Rose Hill Baptist Church in Grandfield. She attended dietary classes at Cameron University. She also attended classes at Great Plains Vo-Tech, where she certified in floral design. She was a member of Rising Star Baptist Church and was involved in church work and a member of the choir.

She was employed 30 years as dietary cook at Colonial Village Nursing Home in Grandfield. She was kitchen supervisor at Grandfield Public Schools for three years. She was involved in her community and was a member of Grandfield Booster Club, Pep Club, Re-Cap Organization and Head Start.

Survivors include her hus-

band, of the home; three sons and daughters-in-law, James Edward and Peggy, Brian Phillip and Consuelo, all of Grandfield; and Sgt. Bradford Dwayne and Tomeka, Fort Carson, Colo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Felicia DeAnne and Shalin Kornegay, Grandfield; and Yolanda Denise and Emanuel Beal-Thomas, Wichita Falls, Texas; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Eugene and Janifer Jackson, Fort Worth, Texas; James A. Jackson, Dallas; and Shaun Walton, Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren; and many close family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles "Cheetah" Jackson.

Her great grandmother, original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation Annie McGee, was married to Riley Jackson.

Fairy Love Huff

Fairy Love Huff, 80, died March 4, 2006.

She was born Jan. 26, 1926 to Francis Marion and Velda (Johnston) Love.

She was of the Baptist faith and a member of Centerpoint Baptist Church, Wilburton, Okla.

She is survived by daughters, Angela Horton, of Wilburton, and Rebecca and husband Arlin Middleton, of Sylva, N.C.; grandchildren Kelli Jo Claxton, New York City, and Bonnie Jean Claxton, Sylva.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and parents.

Services were March 9, 2006 at the Centerpoint Baptist Church with Rev. Bud Vinson officiating.

Francis Paulette Baker

Francis Paulette Baker, 59, of Salem, Ore., died of natural causes at her home Feb. 27, 2006. She was born April 1, 1946 to Houston A. Ward, Jr. and Mary Marie (Bearden) Ward.

She enjoyed cooking and arts and crafts. She lived in Lincoln County as a child and was a homemaker most of her life. She married Roy Baker. They later divorced.

She is survived by her daugh-

ter, Sherry Howard, of Lakeside, Ore.; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Mona Ward, of Kingston, Okla.; sister Betty Ellis, of Salem; a sister-in-law, Brenda Ward, of Toledo, Ore.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father; a sister, Oteka Harris; and brothers Harold and Darrell Ward.

Memorial services were March 28, 2006 at The Church of Christ in Toledo.

Calvin Marion Short

Calvin Marion Short, 77, of Gonzales, Calif., died Feb. 20, 2006 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Aug. 3, 1928 in Denison, Texas to Thomas Theodore (Bud) and Grace Turner Short, of Antlers, Okla.

Mr. Short was the CEO of the Gonzales Potato Company for 50 years. He was a member of St. Theodore's Parish, American Legion Gonzales Post 0081, Gonzales Booster Club, Palma High School Board of Directors, the Porterville Athletic Hall of Fame and the California Potato Board. He was a U.S. Army

Sergeant 1st Class in the Korean Conflict. He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Stella Short, of Gonzales; a daughter, Roberta (Craig) Roberts, of Salinas, Calif.; four sons, Roger (Lynne) Short, of Salinas, Tim (Irina) Short, of Gonzales, Eric (Kate) Short, of Gonzales and Josh (Erin) Short, of San Francisco; grandchildren, Quinn, Seth, Noah, and Liam Short, and Rachel and Brian Roberts, of Salinas, Travis and Sarah Short and Logan, Zane and Ethan Short of Gonzales; and numerous nephews and nieces.

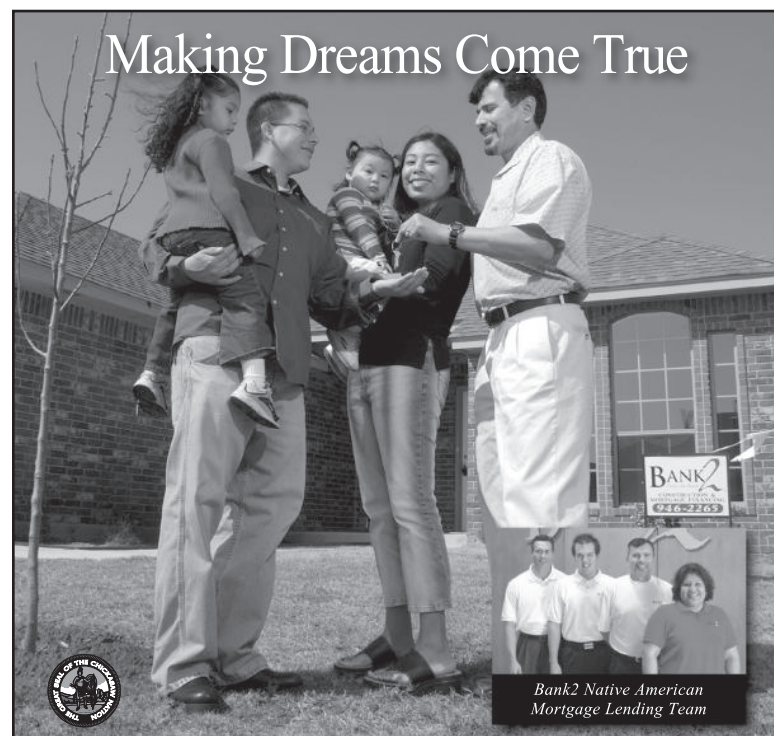
He was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Theodore Short, Jr.

Mass was Feb. 23, 2006 and burial at Gonzales District Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Palma High School, 919 Iverson St., Salinas, CA 93901, or the American Heart Association, 1514 Moffett St., #A, Salinas, CA 93901 or St. Theodore's Catholic Church, 116 Belden St., Gonzales, CA 93926.



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Patrick Lynn Pierce



Patrick Lynn Pierce, 40, of Lawton, Okla., died Feb. 15, 2006. Services were Feb. 18, 2006 at Roseland Church of Christ Lawton.

He was born Jan. 19, 1966 to Ora Fay (Carter) Pierce and Donald Leeroy Pierce in Enid, Okla.

He grew up in Lawton and graduated from Lawton High School.

During his lifetime he worked at Mr. Z's Steakhouse, City of Lawton, Lawton Cablevision and Mark Abear's Trenching Service. A backhoe accident caused his tragic death.

Mr. Pierce was a descendant of Mississippi Gibson Carter, an original Dawes Roll member. He was proud of his heritage.

He was preceded in death by his mother; infant brother; maternal grandparents, George and Verna Carter; and paternal grandparents, Emory and Verdina Pierce.

He is survived by a daughter, Sarah Ashley; his father; sisters, Belinda Arnold, Tonya Repp and Stacy Pierce, all of Lawton, and Kimberly White, of Phoenix, Ariz.; brothers, Mike, Bryan and Don Pierce, of Lawton; his fiancée, Cindy Catherall, of Wichita Fall, Texas.

He loved to play cards and go fishing but most of all he loved his 11-year old daughter, Sarah, and spent a lot of his spare time with her. He was a loving son, father and brother and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Rev. Eloise Pickens

Rev. Eloise Pickens, of Los Angeles, died March 6, 2006 in Los Angeles. She was born in McMillan, Okla., March 20, 1911 to Joseph and Katie Carne Pickens.

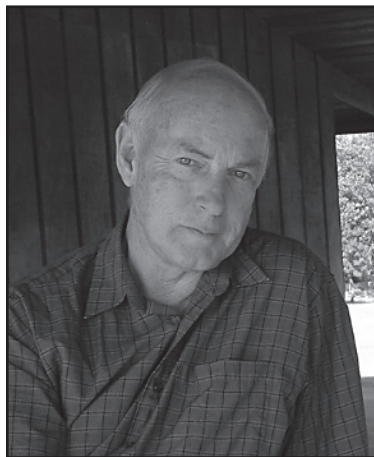
She grew up in McMillan and later moved to Los Angeles where she lived the rest of her life. She was a member of the

Universal World Church in Los Angeles. She loved going to church.

She is survived by her sister, Catherine Willmond, Los Angeles.

Services were March 15, 2006 at the I Hunter Cemetery, McMillan with Kenneth Lewis officiating. Music was arranged by Choctaw singers. Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneral-home.com

Paul H. Archerd



Paul H. Archerd died Jan. 9, 2006 after a very long hard fight with cancer, and is reunited with his parents, friends and relatives who passed on before him. He was born in Tulsa, March 2, 1943.

He lived in Tulsa for over 30 years and was a graduate of The University of Tulsa with bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering. He was a registered professional engineer in five states and has owned a consulting engineering company since 1983.

He married his very best friend Jo Ann Watson, October 17, 1981. They moved to Cleveland, Okla., in 1987 in order to be near his aging parents.

He is survived by his twin daughters, Gina Peña and husband Beta Pena and Cheryl Willman and husband Michael Willman; two granddaughters, Lindsey and Megan Willman; all residing in Arlington Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Cecil Lee Archerd, long time residents of the Cleveland area.

He was a long time member of the Cleveland Church of Christ.

Mr. Archerd and his wife were best friends through good times and bad times; he was a good father; and most of all he loved

the Lord. He will be surely missed, but never forgotten. Not "goodbye my friend," just "see you later."

Services were Jan. 12, 2006 at Cleveland Church of Christ.

Alice Pauline Hisaw Hodges



Alice Pauline Hisaw Hodges, of Modesto, Calif., died Jan. 20, 2006. She had previously resided in Bakersfield, Calif., Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

She was born to Charles and Nora Hisaw in Stonewall, Okla.

She and her mother were quite proud of their Chickasaw heritage and made the effort to stay in contact with their relatives. She was a homemaker while her children were in school, then she worked as a veterinarian's assistant. She later studied to become a real estate broker. She worked as a broker until the age of 70. After retirement she continued to study and to read, which was her passion.

She is survived by a son, Stanley L. Hodges and wife Joyce, of Modesto, Calif.; a daughter, Sandy La Rae Tincher, of Redding, Calif.; grandchildren, Scott Tincher, of Yuma, Ariz., Beth Alanis, of Sacramento, Calif., Christopher Tincher, of Coalinga, Calif., Kristin Hodges and Kari Harris, of Modesto; her sisters, Millie Jensen, of Lemon Cove, Calif., and Vi Guy, of Porterville, Calif.; a brother Robert Hisaw of Garfield, N.M.; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Nora Hisaw; sisters, Betty Cleaver, Ester Smith, Inez Adams and Laura Smith.

Her wishes were to be cremated and her ashes to be scattered over the Needles/Parker area, where her father was laid to rest and she had many fond memories of her childhood.

Layla Michelle GoodPasture



Services for Layla Michelle Goodpasture, 25, of Tishomingo, Okla., were March 10 at Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla., with Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Interment followed in Seeley-Blue Cemetery, Connerville. She died March 6, 2006.

She was born Sept. 17, 1980 to Belvin and Linda Doyal Frazier in Tishomingo.

She grew up in Tishomingo and graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1999. She was employed at Sooner Foods as a clerk and office assistant.

She married Grady Goodpasture on Jan. 1, 2005.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; her mother and step-father, Linda and Kelly Isenberg, of Tishomingo; her father and step-mother, Belvin and Sherri Frazier, of Muskogee, Okla.; two brothers, Nathan and Tobiah Frazier; grandmother, Ruth Frazier, of Tishomingo; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Friends and family of Mrs. Goodpasture served as pallbearers.



Jessie Sierra Altman-Frazier

Jessie Sierra Altman-Frazier, 2 ½, of Muskogee, Okla., died March 6, 2006 in an automobile accident. She was born July 20, 2003.

Her big sister Layla (Frazier) Goodpasture, 25, of Tishomingo, Okla., also died in the accident.

Services were March 10, 2006 at Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla. A second service and interment were March 11, 2006 at Chapel Hill, Oklahoma City. Rev. Larry Hawkins officiated both services.

Jessie is survived by her parents, Belvin Frazier and Sherri Altman; brothers, Nathan and Tobiah Frazier; grandmothers, Ruth Frazier and Joyce Coley; great-grandmother, Katy Hyde; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jessie will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, strong will, and wonderful spirit. She loved carrying her cat, going to the park, smelling flowers and dancing. She enriched the life of everyone she met. She is now one of God's little angels in Heaven along with her sister.

Pallbearers were her uncles, Nikki Frazier, Sherman Frazier, Joe E. Frazier, Willard Frazier, Quannah Nail and Leonard Frazier.

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